

Nuclear sites climbdown by Cabinet

The Government responded to mounting public anxiety by announcing yesterday that it is to allow only low-level radioactive waste to be buried at any dumping ground developed by the Nuclear Industry Radioactive Waste Executive.

In a major climbdown to meet the criticism of MPs of all parties and communities in the four sites being considered for the dumps, it dropped plans for them to take the more toxic intermediate level waste.

And in the atmosphere of heightened concern after the Chernobyl disaster, it was disclosed that the Government is undertaking an overall review of strategy on nuclear waste disposal, with a White Paper to be published in the next few months.

The Government's moves were announced as it replied to a Commons Select Committee on the Environment report on nuclear waste.

In a late addition to its response following the Soviet accident, the Government underlined its commitment to nuclear power, saying that it had "an essential contribution to make in the provision of electric power, economically and at a risk level comparable or better than other sources of power."

The restriction on dumping to low-level waste had been recommended by the committee, and last night its chairman, Sir Hugh Rossi, welcomed the Government's reversal of policy.

The Government is preparing to lay a special development order before the Commons to enable Nirex to undertake test drillings at four sites: Bradwell in Essex, in the constituency of the Chief Whip, Mr John Wakeham; Eilstow in Bedfordshire; Fulbeck in Lincolnshire and South Killingholme in South Humberside.

The Government said in its reply that there were no scientific grounds for restricting the waste that might be disposed of in the shallow burial grounds.

"But this is an area where it has proved particularly difficult to bridge the gap between scientists' assessment of risks and the honestly-held perceptions of the local communities."

The Government accepted the distinction drawn by many between low-level waste and intermediate waste and recognized that many people would be reassured if the restriction was made, it said.

Low level waste makes up about 85 per cent of the material the Government had hoped to dump. It is mainly items worn or handled by people in laboratories, such as rubber gloves, clothing and syringes.

The remaining 15 per cent of intermediate waste, material such as filters, sludges and

resins which are solidified before storage, metalwork, will be stored pending the finding and development of a deep disposal site or until radioactivity has reduced enough for disposal.

The concession is a sign of the Government's concern about getting the order through. It has promised opponents a full Commons debate on nuclear waste disposal before asking for approval. That is expected the week after next.

The MPs most closely concerned welcomed the move, although it is unlikely to stop them opposing the development of sites in their constituencies.

Mr Wakeham said last night that his opposition to the choice of Bradwell would continue "as resolutely as before", but the decision was an important victory for all the areas concerned.

Mr Michael Brown, Conservative MP for Brigg and Cleethorpe, which covers the South Killingholme site, who has threatened to resign if nuclear dump is allowed there, said that the move was an advance but he would continue to fight for total victory.

Ministers accept that the Chernobyl disaster has increased their difficulties in putting through nuclear power policies. This week it tightened controls on the radioactive discharge into the Irish sea from the Sellafield reprocessing plant.



The crash which killed rally drivers Henri Toivonen and Sergio Cresto. Below, Toivonen after his Monte Carlo triumph.

Poles talk openly of cancer risk

From Roger Boyes Warsaw

Officials in the Soviet bloc have for the first time talked openly about the risk of long-term illness, including thyroid cancer, that might result from the radioactivity released by the Ukrainian nuclear blast.

The special Polish team set up to deal with the crisis said here that radioactivity levels in the air were declining, but were still high in soil and water.

The authorities will continue to dispense iodine solution to all children under 16, and maintain the ban on selling milk from grass-fed cows. Other dairy products also appear to be held back, although there has been no official announcement.

Professor Zbigniew Jaworowski, head of the Central Laboratory for Radiobiological Protection, said that within the next 30 years there would be an increase "of a few per cent" in thyroid cancer. There was also a significant risk that babies about to be born would suffer from malfunctioning thyroid glands.

Polish experts are testing for destructive constituents in addition to radioactive iodine in the fall-out that has swept over the border from the crippled Chernobyl plant.

The presence of strontium and caesium could well lead to bone disease and leukaemia, doctors freely admit.

The government team said that other cancers in addition to that of the thyroid gland are liable to occur over the next 30 years, but that the rate of increase, statistically speaking, will not be very significant.

Between 200 and 500 radiation-induced cancer deaths could be caused by the fall-out in the next 30 years.

Although the initial shock has been absorbed by the Poles, there is still considerable anxiety. Fully-booked flights to the West yesterday demonstrated that the Western community shares some of these fears.

Even the protective measures have had the effect of increasing uncertainty rather than reassuring the public.

Some Western scientists are now warning about the effects of iodine poisoning, and say that dosages have both to be precise - most Polish clinics did not know local radiation levels when they administered the solution - and prompt.

They were also detected by the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell, near Chilton.

The 100 British students from Kiev and Minsk near the disaster area had been checked and found to be safe.

"It is most unlikely that those returning home from the affected areas are at risk," Dr Archeson said.

Trade-off brings hope of an end to prison dispute

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

A tit-for-tat deal between the Home Office and Prison Officers Association yesterday provided the best chance yet of ending the jails dispute.

In return for officers agreeing to normal working, the disciplinary suspensions of those in the thick of the dispute are lifted.

The deal, which is only the preliminary to moves aimed at getting both sides off the hook, indicates a new flexibility after the rioting which shocked both sides.

At Gloucester Prison, which has been at the centre of the dispute, officers were still not on duty last night, leaving a question mark over the discussions.

Talks aimed at getting 125 Gloucester officers back to work after they were locked out late on Monday night broke up without agreement yesterday afternoon.

Local prison officers' representatives emerged from the meeting with Mr Nicholas Wall, the governor, tight-lipped after two-and-a-half hours of discussion.

Mr Byron Hughes, branch secretary of the local Prison Officers Association, said: "The discussions are proceeding amicably. They will carry on at a later date, probably over the weekend. Until then the situation has not changed - we will not be going back to work."

The POA conference begins later this month, and just as

Stockholm ousts 'spy' diplomats

From Christopher Mosey Stockholm

Security police have smashed an East Block spy ring in Sweden, it was revealed yesterday.

The Swedish Government expelled four senior diplomats from the 10 accredited to the Czechoslovak Embassy in Stockholm, along with the head of the Czech airline CSA in Sweden.

The expelled Czechs were said by security police to have co-operated closely with other Warsaw Pact intelligence units.

Two members of the spy ring were arrested inside a military area of southern Sweden which is off-limits to foreigners.

The diplomats declared "undesirable" included Mr Jan Kroupa, a first secretary who had been at the embassy since 1982, Mr Jan Sovjak, military attaché, who was based in London before coming to Sweden last year, and Mr Ludvik Vanhara, a trade attaché, who also arrived in Stockholm in 1982.

A Foreign Ministry communiqué said the spy ring's activities had not damaged Swedish interests.



Toivonen killed in Corsica

Ajaccio, Corsica (AP and Reuter) - Rally drivers Henri Toivonen of Finland and Italian Sergio Cresto were killed yesterday while taking part in the gruelling Corsican Motor Rally and their Lancia team mates subsequently pulled out of the event.

The two men were trapped in their car when it burst into flames after going off the road on a winding section near Corte.

The two remaining timed stages of the leg were suspended following the accident.

Toivonen, winner of the RAC Rally of Great Britain last November and Monte Carlo in January, had been leading the event. He was 29.

Last year's rally was marred by the death of Italy's Attilio Bettega when his Lancia crashed into a pylon.

Toivonen, from Jyväskylä, was the son of a former rally driver, Pauli, also a past winner of the Monte Carlo rally. He made his debut in 1975 and last November's RAC win, when he was partnered by Britain's Neil Wilson, was his second, following his triumph in Britain in 1980.

He leaves a wife, Erja, and two young children, aged three and 18 months.

Cresto, his navigator, was a 30 year-old Italian-American bachelor, born in New York. **Obituary, page 19**

Elstree studios fall to Cannon

By Peter Waymark

The controversial takeover of the ABC cinema chain and Elstree studios by an American based group went ahead yesterday only six months after it was blocked by film industry protests.

The Cannon Group bought the cinemas and Elstree studios from the Australian financier, Mr Alan Bond, for £175 million, £65 million more than Mr Bond paid the previous owner, Thorn-EMI, when he bought the group last month after a planned management buyout failed to raise sufficient cash.

A bid by Cannon last November fell through after strong opposition from sections of the British film industry, which feared the closure of cinemas and deplored the passing of an important section of the industry into foreign hands.

Cannon is run by two cousins, Mr Menahem Golan and Mr Yoram Globus, Israeli-born film entrepreneurs who specialise in low budget material for the mass market. Among their productions are *Flashdance*, the *Death Wish* vigilante series and the erotic *Boyz n the City*.

Recently their output has been moving upmarket. The latest Cannon film to be made in Britain, *Duet For One*, has just completed shooting at Elstree. Based on the West End stage hit about a crippled woman musician, it stars Julie Andrews and Alan Bates.

But Cannon is mainly known in Britain as a cinema owner. With the acquisition of the Classic and Star chains it owns nearly 200 screens on 95 sites. When added to ABC's 287 screens, this will give the new group 49 per cent of British cinema outlets.

Mr Golan said yesterday that the takeover would mean some rationalisation but production at Elstree would be increased and for every cinema closed as a result of the merger, two new ones would open. He was confident that the deal would not have to be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Mr Bond, who backed Australia's successful entry for the Americas Cup yacht race two years ago and owns a brewery in Perth, will join the Cannon board. He estimated his profits on the deal at £40 million, after costs.

British film industry critics of the original deal appeared less hostile to the new bid. The Association of Independent Producers said yesterday that it repeated its original concern about maintaining a distinctive national film industry.

But it added: "If the Cannon takeover does now go through, at least Screen Entertainment will be in the hands of people

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Too old at 22?



Julie Burchill finds George Michael looking forward to a future without Wham!

Sticky wicket



Phil Edmonds and Mike Brearley: a cricketing personality clash

Portfolio Gold

Today there is £12,000 to be won in The Times Portfolio Gold competition - the weekly prize of £8,000 and £4,000 in the daily competition. Yesterday's daily prize of £4,000 was won outright - details, page 3. Portfolio Gold list, page 24; rules and how to play, information service, page 20.

Moving left

Mrs Gro Harlem Brundtland, the Norwegian Labour Party leader, is to form a new government after the resignation of her Conservative predecessor.

Tax tangles

Even the taxman gets his sums wrong sometimes - but the taxpayer does have redress. **Family Money, pages 25 to 33**

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UK engineers quit Soviet atom area

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The evacuation of Britons from the region around the stricken Soviet nuclear plant at Chernobyl continued last night when 14 engineers who had been working south of Kiev were flown to London on a British Airways plane on which there were anti-radiation experts.

Geiger counter tests done by a British expert at Moscow airport disclosed that the engineers had much lower levels of radiation than the 97 students flown home on Thursday, although they were still above normal.

They were not ordered to wear the special track suits brought from London. The latest exodus was seen as demonstrating the lack of confidence in the West in repeated Soviet assurances that the Kiev region was free from health risks.

The attempt to foster an air of normality continued yesterday when the authorities went ahead with a cycle race which ended in Kiev, the Ukrainian capital, which is still out of bounds to Western reporters.

The British engineers, who were working 50 miles south of the city, arrived in Moscow unexpectedly yesterday after being ordered home by their company.

Details of their departure were restricted in advance of

Radiation cloud reaches Britain

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

Government scientists said yesterday that "remnants" of the radioactive cloud from the Chernobyl disaster had reached southern England. Dr Donald Acheson, chief medical officer at the Department of Health and Social Security, said there was no danger to health.

The National Radiological Protection Board at Chilton, Oxfordshire, said that concentrations of radioactivity were much lower than those registered in Sweden.

Parts of the cloud were picked up by the board, by the Ministry of Defence at Aldermaston in Berkshire, and at power stations at Dungeness in Kent and Winfrith, near Lulworth Cove, Dorset. They were also

detected by the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell, near Chilton.

The 100 British students from Kiev and Minsk near the disaster area had been checked and found to be safe. "It is most unlikely that those returning home from the affected areas are at risk," Dr Acheson said.

Captain hero dies in Gulf

By Richard Dowden

The British master of a Saudi Arabian tanker was killed yesterday while trying to get his crew off a blazing tanker hit by a rocket in the Gulf.

Captain David Lycett was killed by shrapnel on Thursday on the bridge of the Al-Safaniya.

Two Pakistani crew members were also killed in the attack, and seven other crewmen, including a Briton, Mr Sean David, were injured. The 33-man crew included 10 Britons.

Yesterday Captain Lycett's body was still on board the vessel, which was at anchor about 15 miles off Dubai.

The 31,521 ton tanker was hit by a rocket believed to have been fired from an Iranian helicopter about 75 miles north of Abu Dhabi. According to Mr Raef Ali, one of the injured crewmen, Captain Lycett was trying to regain control when the tanker was hit by a second missile which killed him.

Captain Lycett, believed to be in his late thirties, was married with two children and came from Glyn Conwy, near Llandudno in north Wales.

Tax query on church plate collections

By Clifford Longley Religious Affairs Correspondent

Auditors from the Inland Revenue are claiming substantial refunds from church congregations which cannot prove that they have donated enough under tax-relief covenanting schemes.

At least one Roman Catholic diocese, and several Church of England parishes, have been served with assessments disputing the amounts shown in church accounts, and asking for repayment.

A body representing the main denominations, the Churches Main Committee, had talks at Inland Revenue headquarters at Somerset House, London, earlier this week, after complaints that the auditors may have been exceeding their authority.

Mr Bernard Thimont, secretary of the committee, said: "I am personally satisfied that they are doing their job." He is preparing a warning letter to the churches, telling them what steps to take to avoid trouble. The best advice, he said, was for each parish to keep a register of weekly donations.

Under the tax-relief covenanting scheme, church members may pledge themselves in writing to make regular donations to their church for four or more years, from their taxable income. The church may then recover the tax directly from the Government.

That raises about £130 million a year for churches and charities, of which the churches' share is likely to be at least half.

The Inland Revenue was particularly concerned about so-called "open plate" collections in the Roman Catholic Church. In the Church of England it is more usual for donations under tax covenant to be put in a sealed envelope.

Auditors found cases where the amount said to have been collected from covenanters was a surprisingly high proportion of the total, suggesting carelessness or cheating.

A covenant can technically be enforced in the courts. An individual taking advantage of such a scheme to increase the income of his chosen charity has to make an annual declaration to the Inland Revenue that he has given what he is committed to give.

The Inland Revenue does not appear to be impressed by the argument that church members are automatically trustworthy.

Advertisement for Bell's Scotch Whisky, featuring a bottle and the text 'Follow the Leader the quality scotch'.

'Loyalist' fears to blame for sectarianism, Hermon says

By Richard Ford

The "loyalist" ascendancy in Northern Ireland is being eroded, leading to blatant sectarian attacks on Roman Catholic homes and businesses, Sir John Hermon, chief constable of the RUC, said yesterday.

Sir John linked recent loyalist intimidatory attacks on the RUC and Roman Catholics with the "unreasonable fears" of Protestants that their special position within the province was being affected. Their ascendancy is being eroded and the police and the Catholics are in their way. It is blatant sectarianism, which shows their hatred," he said.

Although Unionist politicians blamed the Anglo-Irish agreement for the upsurge of loyalist violence, the chief constable said it was not the reason but an excuse. "How on earth do attacks on Catholics relate to the agreement?" he asked.

The chief constable's remarks, given in an interview last night in the *Belfast Telegraph*, are bound to cause controversy with Unionist politicians. Sir John criticized some Unionist leaders for taking part in a march in which leaders of a loyalist paramilitary group were prominent, and gave a warning of the dangers of "sipping with the devil of paramilitary organizations".

He said intimidation of the police must be seen with the "viciousness of attacks on Catholics", whose homes, churches, schools and businesses had been targeted for "sectarian discrimination". The attacks occurred, "because there is an unreasonable, bigoted fear in these people that their special position is being affected".

Sir John said the violence was a natural progression of

politicians debasing the democratic process, "by consorting with paramilitary elements of a Mafia kind".

With the province preparing for the start of its traditional parade season, he called for an independent tribunal to deal with controversial march routes.

More than 1,800 out of about 2,000 parades are loyalist. Sir John's criticism is directed mainly at that section of the community, in particular the small number which he describes as "very sectarian and politically oriented".

He said his force was finding it intolerable to be in the position of forcing parades through areas which were hostile to them.

"We are talking about parades where people are flaunting their ascendancy in areas where the population balance has changed. Our attitude to parades relates to people, not to sod. The feelings of people and their sensitivity has to be respected."

Parade organizers must give five days' notice of their route to the RUC, which can re-route the march or recommend to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland that it be banned. Last year there were only three bans.

Under Sir John's plan, notice of a contentious parade would go to a tribunal where the police, organizers and the local people could present their case.

The idea has been backed by the Alliance Party but some Unionist politicians and the loyalist Orange Order are strongly opposed to it. An Orange Order spokesman said: "Any attempt to re-route or ban parades will be resisted tooth and nail and the Government and the police should get the message quickly."



A WD 2-10-0 locomotive, built in Glasgow in 1944, steaming back into public service yesterday on the Mid-Hants Railway Watercress line after 18 months of restoration work (Photograph: Suresh Karadia).

Elections countdown

First direct poll for Ilea members

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

More than a million London electors will be able to vote twice in next Thursday's local authority poll. They will be able to vote for their local borough councillors and for members of the Inner London Education Authority.

It will be the first time that members of the education authority are chosen by direct vote, and Ilea is the only education authority with direct elections. Elsewhere education is run by committees of county and city councils.

The new Ilea, with its budget of more than £1,000 million a year, will be larger than almost any council. In its former guise it was easy to forget that the authority, with its 1,000 schools and 27,000 teachers and lecturers, was a committee of the former Greater London Council.

Although criticized for poor examination results and heavy spending, the Ilea has a good chance of sharing in the expected Labour landslide in the borough councils. It will probably emerge with Labour once again fully in control.

Everyone entitled to vote in the Inner boroughs served by

Ilea can vote also for members of the education authority.

The 58 members of the new education authority will be chosen for areas that coincide with the 29 inner London parliamentary constituencies.

If Ilea follows the expected pattern in the boroughs, it will emerge from the poll with a strong Labour majority committed to continue the policies of its GLC-linked predecessor. In next week's election each Ilea constituency will have two members.

The campaign is following predictable lines, with Labour offering the same policies as those pursued in GLC days.

The Conservatives are pursuing their familiar theme of "keeping politics out of the classroom". The Alliance wants sensible budgeting between what it sees as the two extremes of Labour extravagance and the Conservatives' obsession with cuts.

One notable feature of the Ilea election is the large number of women candidates. More than a quarter of the Conservatives, more than a third of the Labour hopefuls and almost half of the Alliance candidates are women.

Conservatives get boost in Scotland

By Ronald Fax

The latest test of the political pulse in Scotland gives encouragement to the Conservative Party as the regional elections approach.

The Tories have risen sharply in public esteem and no longer lie last in the four divisions of Scottish politics, according to a System Three opinion poll in the *Glasgow Herald* yesterday.

Labour still leads with 45 per cent, three points down on last month. The Conservatives and Alliance share second place, with the Alliance, having lost two points and the Tories gaining six. Last is the Scottish National Party, little changed at 15 per cent.

The boost to the Tory vote came unexpectedly and was being accounted for as the Tory faithful rallying to pull the party out of the doldrums on the eve of an important test before the general election.

"The Government has been going through a bad patch and it is mid term. There have been quite a few issues that have subdued support," one party member said. Last month the Conservatives stood at 14 per cent.

Another explanation for the

improvement has been the performance of Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, and his distinctly upbeat attitude towards his party's position north of the border.

Few Scottish issues have been allowed to linger since he took over and his positive manner has put a spring into the step of party workers in their local election canvassing.

For Labour the poll was unnecessary confirmation of the party's firm domination of west central Scotland. The Alliance said that it conflicted entirely with the response it had received on the doorstep, particularly in Strathclyde and Fife.

The Scottish National Party preferred to point out another finding in the poll which was that Mrs Margaret Thatcher's personal rating in Scotland had dropped sharply since the US bombing raids on Libya.

The consistently low showing of the SNP in the poll does contrast with its excellent results in local by-elections. In the first 11 contests of the year the party secured 40 per cent of the poll, the highest of any party.

Tories expect to win Ryedale with 50% of poll

The Conservatives forecast yesterday that they will win Ryedale convincingly at next Thursday's by-election with 50 per cent of the poll.

Mr John Spence, the constituency's MP who died suddenly on March 2, had a majority of more than 16,000 in the 1983 general election, taking 59 per cent of the poll or nearly 72 per cent of the electorate.

The Alliance took 31 per

cent and Labour lost its deposit with only 10 per cent.

Yesterday Mr Marcus Fox, MP for Shipley, who is managing the campaign for the Tory candidate, Mr Neil Balfour, aged 41, a merchant banker, said: "Our canvass shows we will win convincingly on May 8 with probably more than 50 per cent of the votes cast coming to us."

He would not give his

canvass percentages for the Alliance or Labour but he said: "The Labour vote is holding up very well in the suburbs of York. Naturally we do get great comfort from the strength of Labour support."

The Tories estimate that 6-7,000 Labour supporters switched in 1983 to the Alliance candidate Mrs Elizabeth Shields, aged 52 a local teacher who is standing this time.

She said yesterday: "Our

canvass shows we're only 3 points behind the Tories and closing fast." This week the BBC *Nightnight* poll gave the Tories 44 per cent, the Alliance 37 per cent and Labour 19 per cent. An Alliance canvass, over the past two weeks, shows, they say, that the Tories have 44 per cent, Alliance 41 per cent and Labour 14 per cent.

General election: Labour 33.5% Conservative 30.1% Alliance 17.1% SNP 10.2% Liberal 5.8% Other 1.2%

Ban lifted on murder article

A High Court judge yesterday lifted a ban on the publication of an article in the current edition of the satirical magazine, *Private Eye*, which names a Tory MP allegedly involved in a murder plot.

A court injunction was granted in private yesterday to a Mr Richard Unwin, who was also named in the article, and Richard Unwin International Ltd. Mr Unwin and the company are suing *Private Eye* and its editor for libel.

A legal spokesman for Mr Unwin said yesterday that the injunction was lifted by Mr Justice Hirst, sitting in private, on the grounds that *Private Eye* intended to defend the action, pleading justification of its allegations.

If the injunction had stood all copies of the magazine would have had to be withdrawn from sale for the removal of the article.

Japanese imports 'a bargain'

Politicians of all parties fostered a false idea of international trade, Mr Enoch Powell, Official Unionist MP for Down South, told a conference of industrial managers yesterday.

"We live under an increasing rain of military metaphors, exhorting to greater and greater efficiency so that suppliers overseas can be defeated in both the home and the export markets," Mr Powell said in Maidenhead, Berkshire.

But the truth was that trade, unlike war, was a relationship of mutual and balancing benefit. Imports of Japanese cars and computers were evidence of beneficial bargains allowing British effort to be put to more valuable use elsewhere.

Without such bargains, "the massive blessings of the international division of labour could never be reaped".

Hattersley gives left sabotage warning

By Philip Webster Political Reporter

Mr Roy Hattersley warned the far left of the Labour Party yesterday against any actions that might harm its move towards achieving a majority government at the next General Election.

Addressing the Welsh TUC at Llandudno, Mr Hattersley said that Labour had now discovered the path towards victory, "and there will be little sympathy or forgiveness for anyone within the party who, because of personal vanity or ideological obsessions, sabotages our drive towards government."

The Labour deputy leader underlined the party's commitment to root out militant extremists, and, in another message for the left, said that Labour must draw up a manifesto typified by "down-to-earth common sense", and which was "consistent with the reality of our time as well as with the ideology of our party."

"We have become a practical party offering practical policies to the practical people", Mr Hattersley said.

Labour had to stake out its ideological boundaries. "There can be no place within the party for those who follow an alien philosophy and attempt to parasite off us because they could not survive on an honest statement of their own beliefs."

Victim of assault loses out in court

A High Court jury yesterday awarded Mr Vincent Reid £200 damages against the Metropolitan Police for assault.

But Mr Reid, aged 53, will not see a penny of the award because he had rejected an out-of-court settlement offer of £505.

His damages will go towards the estimated £30,000 costs of his action against the police.

Mr Reid, of Guildford House, Cranmerwell Green, south-east London, was receiving legal aid and will not have to pay the bulk of the costs.

He lost further claims for damages for wrongful arrest and unlawful imprisonment. He alleged that Pc Desmond Kenoy had wrongfully arrested him for threatening behaviour at Wandsworth Borough Council offices in Putney in 1981. He was later acquitted of the charge.

Mr Reid claimed the constable had torn his shirt and pushed him against a wall. Pc Kenoy said that Mr Reid was acting in a threatening way and there were reasonable grounds for arrest. He denied assault.

Mr Reid had told the court he was a deeply religious man, a Seventh Day Adventist. "I do not swear, drink, gamble or smoke," he said.

He denied using insulting or abusive language or threatening behaviour.

NUJ calls dispute at Wapping

Journalists on *The Times*, *The Sunday Times* and *News of the World* have voted to invoke their disputes procedure and are asking for a series of undertakings from their management in *News International*.

Their decision comes after the absence of a settlement of the dispute between the company and the print unions over the new newspaper plant at Wapping, east London.

If the undertakings are not given, the journalists will take the matter to the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service.

The undertakings being sought are:

- Reinstatement of all dismissed or suspended journalists when the dispute with the print unions ends.
- A return of all freelancers who refused to work with Wapping.
- No more changes in work practices or premises without negotiation with the NUJ.
- No pay offer to be conditional on a legally-binding agreement.

If no settlement is reached after the reference to Acas, members will be asked to vote on a possible strike.

Journalists on *The Sun* are expected to vote on similar demands on Tuesday.

● Thirty people were arrested and four charged with public order offences after 2,000 demonstrators marched on the printing plant in Wapping, on Thursday night.

Four police officers and one woman demonstrator were injured after violent clashes between 9pm and 1am.

Body is found in basement

Police have found a body bricked up in the corner of a basement while investigating the seven-year-old mystery of a missing woman. It was disclosed yesterday.

The badly-decomposed body, which was discovered in a terrace house in Stretford, Manchester, is believed to be Mrs Enid Francis, who was aged 38. A man is being taken to Manchester from London for questioning.

Wife killer is jailed for life

A man who stabbed his wife more than 100 times was jailed for life yesterday at Lincoln Crown Court.

David Fields, aged 26, denied murder, claiming he lost control after he stabbed his wife, aged 20, attempted to stab him in the back while they were having sexual intercourse at their home in Johnson Street, Cleethorpes, Lincolnshire.

Sunny start to Bank holiday

Thousands of motorists were aiming to make an early break for coastal resorts yesterday to capitalise on the sunny May Bank holiday weather, according to the travel organizations.

Although the weekend's forecast is a mixture of showers and sunny spells, the exodus has begun.

Trade-off may bring end to jails dispute

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Mr Hurd has to protect his political flank, so do the POA leaders. The other issues concern pay, allowances and working practices.

But Mr Hurd is on record as saying he will not engage in substantive negotiations until the threat of industrial action is removed.

That threat came as a result of an overwhelming vote by members. It can be removed only by another ballot to lift it. To achieve this the POA leadership must have something to show the members - a reason for officially ending it - though it has been discontinued in the meantime.

That is why the clarification of the Home Secretary's letter next Wednesday, without talks being called negotiations, is vital to the outcome of the dispute. With the formal ending of the dispute, the Home Secretary will be able to say he is not negotiating with a pistol at his head.

Mr Colin Steel, POA chairman, said after yesterday's talks: "We have got to go back to the members. One would hope that by the time we get to that position, it will be a formality. We hope we will have a package that will be suitable."

Top award for policeman in knife attack

George Hammond, the London policeman left close to death after a savage knife attack, yesterday received Scotland Yard's highest award for bravery.

Police Constable Hammond, aged 49, who was given 120 pints of blood and later underwent a kidney transplant, was off duty when he tackled a sweetshop raider in January last year at East Dulwich.

He received the High Commendation Award from Sir Kenneth Newman, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, at a ceremony in London.

Six other London officers, who tackled armed men in separate incidents, also received a High Commendation.



Mr Leonard Bernstein, the American composer, after receiving a platinum disc yesterday for selling 300,000 copies of his recording of *West Side Story*.

Austro-Hungarian Empire ends The Habsburgs' final sum

By Alan Hamilton

The moment passed at 3.30 yesterday afternoon without requiem or remembrance; indeed hardly anyone noticed a thing. It was a minor milestone of European history none the less; the Austro-Hungarian Empire was finally declared wound up.

The extraordinarily long process of dissolution, which began with the firing of an assassin's bullet at Archduke Ferdinand in Sarajevo in June 1914, ended yesterday with the passing of the absolute last deadline for the honouring of the empire's loan bonds, those ornately printed pieces of paper of which the promised security evaporated in the fires of the Great War.

On the day that Emperor Franz Joseph's account was at

last closed, the Brunley, south London-based Council of Foreign Bondholders, a chaser of bad debts whose patience makes Job look like an impetuous fidget, reported that only one British bondholder had applied to cash in his chips.

Any outstanding Austro-Hungarian government loan bonds are now worthless except as collectors' items. As they proved an exceedingly bad investment, it is a very long time since their face value even approached their value in the saleroom.

No one is certain how much the empire still owes its creditors. In 1967 its outstanding debt was more than £100 million, but it has been somewhat reduced since then by a coin-

fining trickle of modest repayments.

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Farmer's sons ordered to pay their mother £5,000 a year alimony

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Two men who inherited their father's £820,000 farm when he died have been ordered to pay their mother £5,000 a year maintenance. Mrs Audrey Farrow had received the alimony until her husband died in 1979 and his estate, including a 470-acre farm at Thornton Curtis, Humberston, was inherited by her sons Jonathan, aged 32, and Mark, aged 26. She had also received a £50,000 lump sum settlement from her ex-husband John who ended their 24-year marriage in 1973.

But Mrs Farrow had spent all the money and run into financial trouble, partly due to her own extravagance. Mr Justice Hoffings said in the High Court yesterday. She was seeking a further lump sum from the estate in court yesterday because she wants to buy the home that she shared as "just good friends" with a Mr William Deakin in Welton Le Wold, near Lough, Leicestershire. The judge held that under the rules which entitled him to make provision for dependents of the dead where none had been made in the will, or under intestacy law, she was not entitled to any more than the £50,000 she had received. But, he said, she was entitled to continue receiving £5,000 a year by way of continued maintenance from the estate, plus £15,000 as compensation for the missed payments since her husband's death.

First reaction among lawyers yesterday was that the ruling to continue payment to an ex-wife of such long standing was highly unusual. In recent years the policy of the court has been to discourage applications by divorced wives for capital or maintenance from the estate of their former husband, taking the view that was a second bite at the cherry. But the clue to yesterday's ruling was that Mrs Farrow had started receiving her maintenance payments only the year before her husband died suddenly. It was because she had received so little in maintenance that the judge ruled that the payments should continue. In 1981, the Court of Appeal said that maintenance should not normally be paid to an ex-spouse unless she had become dependent on her partner over a long period. Yesterday's ruling said the payments should go on for the opposite reason: the brevity of the time they had existed. Mrs Farrow will continue to receive the payments until she remarries or dies.

Husband cleared of dream killing

A man who strangled his wife while having a nightmare about fighting two Japanese soldiers, yesterday cleared of her murder and manslaughter. Mr Colin Kemp, aged 34, of Abbots Walk, Caterham, Surrey, had strangled his wife, Ellen, aged 33, when he was experiencing a condition known as "night terror". Mr Nicholas Medawar, QC, said for the defence at the Central Criminal Court. He described the condition as a dream involving being pursued or attacked which occurs as someone is coming out of a heavy sleep into a light sleep. At that stage physical violence may occur. "To awake from 'night terror' is an appalling prospect - not least if you go to your bed with your wife and awake with her dead beside you."

"I had never heard of anyone being violent in their sleep before. I didn't want to go to prison and lose the children. I didn't feel anybody would believe my dream", Mr Kemp said. The prosecution had alleged that Mr Kemp, a sales representative, killed his wife out of sexual frustration while trying to force her to have oral sex. Mr Kemp told the jury he had previously suffered similar nightmares. "I always woke up with a start. Once, I thumped Ellen in the back and another time I kneeed her in the backside. I was fighting these two guys and she woke me up to find out what the hell was going on. "We discussed the dream at length and dismissed it." Mr Medawar said Ellen's death was the third tragedy to have struck the Kemps. In July 1982 Mr Kemp received considerable brain damage in a car accident for which the family had received a £17,000 settlement just before his wife's death. "Quite clearly", Mr Medawar said, "he suffered a change of personality and Ellen had a lot to put up with. He's irritable, his memory was affected and he was given to making inappropriate vulgar sexual remarks."

Met office data being 'pirated'

By George Hill

Private companies are pirating Meteorological Office data and selling forecasts cheaply, the National Audit Office said yesterday. And the practice is within the law. The companies intercept the Meteorological Office's radio and satellite transmissions and are able to sell their information more cheaply because they do not have the expense of collecting and analysing raw data, the audit office said. It wants the interceptors to have to pay for the information, but that would require a change in the law. The Department of Trade and Industry does not dissent from the principle of charging, so long as private sector services enjoy equal access, the report said. But the amount of free basic information available from the United States and the free services provided by the Met Office itself would inhibit sales, even if the law were changed to enable the office to supply basic data on licence. The report accepts that the Met Office already charges for an increasing proportion of its services, where the law allows. "Consultants employed by the office regard its services as seriously under-priced in relation to the benefits conferred on customers, but consider that resistance to higher charges would take a considerable time to overcome."

When nightmare turns into real violence

A night terror is "a nightmare moving into physical action", according to a psychiatrist who has treated other people who have tried to strangle their partners. Dr Tony Whitehead, a consultant at Bevedere Hospital, Brighton, said yesterday that he had a slightly similar experience when he "knocked a nurse across the room". "A night terror is a well-recognized condition. It really is a variation on the theme of a nightmare getting more physical than nightmares usually do. I don't think anybody understands what brings it on, but obviously some deep-seated trauma is involved."

Dr Whitehead added: "I have seen patients who have tried to strangle partners or attack them in their sleep. "There was no serious injury because they woke up before they had done anything. Their partners must have moved or screamed before any harm was done. If they had not woken up, then the attacks might have gone on."

Man on more rape charges

An unemployed Scot aged 20, who is accused of raping and robbing two prostitutes in Bayswater, central London, was charged at Marylebone Magistrates' Court yesterday with raping and robbing two more women, and indecently assaulting a fifth. The man was also accused of dishonestly handling two stolen cars and unlawfully taking a third. He was remanded in custody until May 23. The judge said that Gregory Bigland, aged 23, and Peter Croll, aged 20, "played for high stakes and lost". Bigland, of Hillside Drive, and Croll, of Ware Close, both of Edgware, north-west London, were convicted of robbing staff at Shawbury, of Back Hill, of jewels worth nearly £250,000 while armed with a rifle, pistol and petrol. They were also convicted of possessing firearms or imitation firearms with intent to commit a crime. A third member of the gang, Richard Johnson, aged 22, of Hammers Lane, Mill Hill, was also found guilty, but was remanded in custody for sentencing later. Mr Bruce Houlder, for the prosecution, said that the robbery was carried out by the three men. The owner of the firm, Mr David Keen, aged 38, was forced into the office by Johnson while two other staff members were handcuffed in another room by Croll. "To add to what must have been already a terrifying ordeal Croll then poured petrol over their heads and shoulders and threatened to ignite them if they moved."

Austin Rover 'bonuses' boost sales

Austin Rover quadrupled its new car sales at the end of April with incentive payments to dealers of up to £1,500 a car in what is seen as a desperate attempt to boost its depressed market share. Ford and General Motors, its close rivals, see the move as further evidence of the state-owned group's growing concern with its poor performance this year. Such an unprecedented level of factory support might push Austin Rover further into the red. Ford and GM are not expected to retaliate. Until April 25 when management intervened, the average number of new cars registered daily by Austin Rover dealers was about 480. By the 29th they had increased to 1,600, reaching a peak of 2,100 on April 30, the closing date of the offer. It is understood that almost all the last-minute registrations were Metros, Montegos and Macstros registered by dealers as "demonstrators". The move appears to have been introduced too late to prevent Austin Rover being pushed into third place in April behind GM for the second time this year. Official figures due out next Wednesday are expected to show that its April market share fell below 15 per cent compared with its target of 18 per cent.

Shell claim new petrol additive saves fuel

Scientists at Shell's research centre in Thornton, Cheshire, claim to have developed a petrol additive which will give motorists more miles to the gallon and better all-round performance than any existing brand. Called Formula Shell, it goes on sale throughout Britain on May 19 at the same price as other petrols, and in four, three and two-star grades. Last night Shell denied that it was resorting to an old marketing device to take the place of the endless stream of forecourt competitors. A spokesman said: "It is true that over 20 years ago most of the petrol makers claimed, with varying degrees of truth, that a secret additive made their petrol better than the competition. However, this time Shell has made a genuine breakthrough, which has been subjected to more than 400,000 miles of actual road testing using 400 different cars. The improvements are there to be seen in the results."

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He said that the unique new ingredient was a "spark aid". "It gives the engine more consistent ignition, improving combustion and making the car more responsive and smoother. The improvements are particularly noticeable when the engine is cold, when it is idling and when accelerating."

Irish Sea commuter's dole swindle

David Doyle, of Dublin, sailed across the Irish Sea and back once a fortnight to pick up his social security cheque in a benefit swindle, a London magistrate was told yesterday. Once he had collected his money, he would take the boat back to Dublin to repay his gambling debts, Marylebone Court was told. Doyle, aged 34, admitted obtaining £161.60 by deception from the DHSS on April 17, by claiming he was still living at the Shannon Hotel in Norfolk Square, Paddington, and attempting to obtain £80.80 on May 1. Police Constable Brendan Downing said: Doyle made the bogus claims in an attempt to clear his £2,000 gambling debts. He was arrested after it was discovered he had left the hotel on April 3.

Mr Desmond Banks, for the defence, said Doyle had come to England a year ago to look for work. He had been spending £49 on return trips "commuting" from Dublin to make the bogus claims after returning to Ireland early last month. Mr Quentin Campbell, the magistrate, remanded him in custody for three weeks to be served with a statutory notice of possible deportation.



A garlanded Commissioner Burrows celebrating her election with Elizabeth Petbrace, aged seven, a staging company member from Tunbridge Wells (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Woman leads the 'Army'

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Salvation Army, for the second time in its 120-year history, has appointed a woman as its new international leader and general. She is Commissioner Eva Burrows, Australian born, aged 56 and unmarried, and presently commander of the Salvation Army's Southern Australian territory. She was the only woman candidate of seven and was elected by the army's high council at the conclusion of its meeting at Sunbury Court, Sunbury-on-Thames, yesterday, replacing General Karl Wahlstrom, who is retiring. Commissioner Burrows is the first woman general, the first woman to be elected to the post since the founder, General William Booth, who was general from 1834-39. She trained at the William Booth Memorial College, south London, becoming a commissioned officer in 1951. She served in Zimbabwe (then Rhodesia) as a teacher in Salvation Army schools. In 1970 Commissioner Burrows became vice-principal and then principal of the International College for Officers, and subsequently was leader of the Salvation Army Women's Social Services in Britain. She became territorial commander in Sri Lanka, Scotland, and finally Australia Southern in 1982, based in Melbourne. She holds a BA and an M Ed degree.

One of the main reasons for this change is that the increase in property values between 1984 and 1986 means that house prices may have outstripped earnings in some regions and are therefore forcing buyers to look at cheaper alternatives. The Halifax says also that running costs were lower in 1984. High rate increases in most areas this year, with bigger fuel and maintenance bills, may well be making prospective house buyers reconsider their property options.

That clause, designed to protect children from the fate of Jasmine Beckford, represented more than 50 per cent of the value of the Bill", Mr Walters said. "We failed to persuade the Government to accept it, and so the whole Bill would have been lost if we had not dropped it. I'm pleased to have got 45 per cent of the Bill through. "The clause the Government substituted for mine defines the rules much more clearly than the present law", he said. "We have also achieved a much more specific commitment to wider government legislation on the whole issue."

Two jailed in 'vicious' gems raid

Two employees of a Hatton Garden jewellery manufacturer were drenched with petrol by a gang of armed robbers, who then threatened to ignite it if they moved, a judge said at the Central Criminal Court yesterday. "They were put in terror and feared they would be killed or hideously injured. It was calculated viciousness way above the ordinary", Judge Lymbury, QC, said when he sentenced two of the gang to 13 years each in prison. The judge said that Gregory Bigland, aged 23, and Peter Croll, aged 20, "played for high stakes and lost". Bigland, of Hillside Drive, and Croll, of Ware Close, both of Edgware, north-west London, were convicted of robbing staff at Shawbury, of Back Hill, of jewels worth nearly £250,000 while armed with a rifle, pistol and petrol. They were also convicted of possessing firearms or imitation firearms with intent to commit a crime.

Concession on new child care laws

A private member's Bill to improve the rules protecting children in care completed its passage through the Commons yesterday. However, its promoter, Mr Dennis Walters, Conservative MP for Westbury, was compelled to sacrifice the Bill's major clause, which in some circumstances would have required social workers to get the consent of a magistrate before a child in care could be returned to its parents. "The clause the Government substituted for mine defines the rules much more clearly than the present law", he said. "We have also achieved a much more specific commitment to wider government legislation on the whole issue."

The Bill clarifies how decisions on putting a child into care should be taken, and gives grandparents a right of access for the first time. The Government argued that the intervention of a magistrate would slow decision-making and cost more.

Buying a house costs 10% more

By Christopher Warman Property Correspondent

House prices in April were rising at an annual rate of 10 per cent, according to the Halifax House Price Index, the first time the index has reached double figures since the Halifax Building Society launched it in April 1984. The figure compares with a 9.7 per cent increase reported in March, and confirms the upward trend in house price inflation since the beginning of the year. In spite of the continuing increase, the society forecasts a 10 per cent increase for 1986. First-time buyers are paying 10.2 per cent more than a year ago, and the average price they pay is now £27,580, while second-hand house prices are at present rising at 10.7 per cent a year. In Greater London the price increase in the past year is 19 per cent, with the average price £59,500, while in the South-east prices are 14.4 per cent higher at £52,500.

Portfolio Gold

Mr Harold Dunbar, a retired schoolmaster of Bexleyheath, Kent, has been playing Portfolio since it began and yesterday his patience was rewarded when he won the daily £4,000 prize outright. "It's great fun to play," Mr Dunbar said, "but the cash will also help out with repairs around the house." Mr and Mrs Dunbar also plan to spend something on their son and daughter, both married and each with three children. Mr Malbury, who retired two years ago, taught at Malbury School, Downham, Kent. To play the game you will need the new Portfolio Gold card. If you have any difficulty in obtaining one from your newspaper, send an s.a.e. to Portfolio Gold, The Times, PO Box 40, Blackburn, BB1 6AJ. Rules and information on how to play are on page 20.



Mr Harold Dunbar repairs around the house.

Girl's screams ignored by passers by

By Craig Seton

The screams of an 11-year-old girl, who was attacked and sexually assaulted while picking flowers in a cemetery, were ignored by passers-by, police said yesterday. The girl was walking home from school through Yardley Cemetery in Acocks Green, Birmingham, when the attacker dragged her into a hut, partly stripped and assaulted her. Det Chief Inspector Joe McNally, of Acocks Green police, said: "The cemetery is a busy place and there are normally a lot of people walking through it. There is no doubt at all that a number of people would have heard her screams, but nobody went to help." He said the girl had not been physically injured in the attack, which was carried out by a white man, aged about 30. But it was too early to say what the emotional effects would be.

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Scargill's civil liberties crusade a fairy tale, QC says

Mr Arthur Scargill, the National Union of Mineworkers leader, was described in the High Court in Manchester yesterday as a "fading and faded public figure", and the civil action he brought was called "trivial" and "a fairy tale".

Mr George Carman, QC, for the South Yorkshire police who are being sued for damages by Mr Scargill, told the jury in his final speech: "He seeks an award because he wants to have his stake in the pages of our contemporary history as a man who stood up as a champion of freedom and liberty."

"At the same time, he is seeking to expose to the nation the wicked behaviour of an oppressive police force."

"You may well take a deep breath indeed when you hear that claim because you may think to contrast Mr Scargill with the task of upholding your civil liberties might be regarded as dangerous as entrusting Satan with the task of abolishing sin."

In the action, Mr Scargill, aged 48, is claiming he was wrongfully imprisoned outside his home by police seeking to question him over an alleged speeding offence.

Describing Mr Scargill as "a self-admitted lawbreaker, a man who has been found to be in contempt of the High Court", Mr Carman added: "He is not perhaps the ideal candidate to crusade on behalf of his own civil liberties, let alone others."

Mr Carman told the jury that during the previous seven days of the case, it should ask itself if the law was being used in a proper and responsible way by an innocent victim seeking redress. He added: "Or is it being cynically abused?"

"You have listened with care to the evidence on both sides in this extraordinary

Return to Brittany for heroes' reunion

More than 60 members of the 10th Destroyer Flotilla (1944/45) Association will leave from Plymouth today on a sentimental pilgrimage to Brittany to visit the graves of naval men killed in action and meet former French Resistance fighters they last saw 42 years ago.

The Union Nationale Des Combattants, based in Brest, will be hosts for the four-day visit, which will include civic receptions and parades in the towns of Roscoff, Brignogan, Le Folgoet and Plouescat.

The former seamen from Britain, Poland and Canada, who served with the battleships and minesweepers of the Royal Navy's 10th Destroyer Flotilla, will also visit a former German concentration camp near the town of Landivisiau, where many local people and resistance fighters died because they helped the Allies.

"It is a very sad, wonderful trip for all of us in our twilight years. We especially want to meet the resistance fighters, many of whom we last remembered as young girls, with rifles slung over their shoulders, running down to meet us on the Brittany beaches to collect urgent food and medical supplies," Mr John Bull, aged 64, a former able seaman and gunner, said at his home in East Ham, east London.

Some naval veterans are too frail, however, to go on the pilgrimage, including the association's patron, retired Captain Basil Jones, DSO and Bar and DSC (Captain "D"), aged 85, who lives in Tolgates, Battle, Sussex.

Mr Bull said that Captain Jones, who was commander of the flotilla, in charge of 11 destroyers, had inspired his men.

"On April 29, 1944, the Canadian destroyer, Athabaskan, was torpedoed off the coast of Brittany. The townfolk of Plouescat were ordered by the German authorities to bury the dead seamen in a mass grave outside the town. But the locals returned to the mass grave by night to remove the bodies and buried them in individual graves as a mark of respect.

"The Germans, in reprisal, rounded up 70 local people and sent them to the concentration camp near Landivisiau. Only 20 or so survived their ordeal and we hope to meet some of these brave people," Mr Bull said.

"I also remember the young girl resistance fighters. They looked like Mexican bandits, dressed in their bright skirts, berets and carrying rifles. Now many are grandmothers, still living in the area."

The seamen will take their standard, complete with beret, white gauntlets and black silk. A painting, depicting an action off the French coast, will be presented to the French hosts.



A benedicted Mr Bull at the start of his sentimental journey back to Brittany (Photograph: Chris Harris).

English Heritage fails to buy a surrealist dream

The chance to save Monkton House, with its unique combination of surrealist and "vogue regency" furnishings, for the nation was lost yesterday as the owners agreed to sell most of the contents through Christie's.

English Heritage, which had expressed interest last September in buying the little Lutynghouse, set in Sussex woodland, had been given until April 30, then until May 2, to find the £1.5 million purchase price.

An approach to the National Heritage Memorial Fund for financial aid was refused 10 days ago and no white knight has come forward. A public appeal launched by Save raised a little more than £1,000.

Monkton House belonged to Edward James, the millionaire patron of the surrealists, and other poets, musicians and artists of the 1930s. He inherited the Edwardian hunting box from his father and transformed it into a surreal palace in the woodlands, with metal drain pipes shaped as palm trees and plaster draper-

Five hurt in shotgun attack at gypsy site

Five people were taken to hospital with gunshot wounds after a gang of at least six men armed with shotguns stormed a gypsy caravan site at Shadoxhurst, near Ashford in Kent.

A witness said: "Three cars pulled up near the gypsy caravans. Half a dozen armed men tumbled out and started blasting away with shotguns. He said the attack was believed to be made by other gypsies seeking revenge after a recent court case."

Lisa Lee, aged six, her brother, Stephen, aged 13, Emily Lee, aged 29, and Alfred Down, aged 21, were released from hospital after treatment, but William Lee, aged 32, was detained overnight after the incident on Thursday.

Det Chief Insp Owen Taylor said that two men and a boy were being questioned by police.

Youth threw brick in riot

Robin Hurlock, aged 17, who joined last September's riots in Brixton, south London, "out of boredom", was sentenced to six months' youth custody at the Central Criminal Court yesterday after he admitted throwing a brick at a police cordon.

Judge Michael Argyll, QC, commended Police Constable Matthew Smith for his "great courage" in arresting Hurlock, of Baldock House, Camberwell, who was part of a mob of 200.

Inquest opens on fire officer

An inquest on Mr George Inge, aged 50, the Hampton Court fire officer whose body was found in the Thames at Thames Ditton in Surrey three weeks after the Easter Monday fire that damaged the royal palace, was opened and adjourned at Epsom coroners' court yesterday.

Dr Roger Ainsworth, pathologist, said the cause of death was drowning. The inquest will resume in three weeks.

Five years for raped woman

A woman who shot dead a neighbour who raped her was sentenced to five years jail at Leeds Crown Court yesterday after pleading not guilty to manslaughter.

The court was told that Mrs Yvonne Hey, aged 27, a divorcee, of Oldfield Road, Honykley, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, had fired eight rounds of shot at close range into John France, aged 55, a gamekeeper, as he lay in bed at his cottage.

No dispensation

An application by the Co-Operative Bank to knock a hole for a cast dispenser in the wall of the listed premises at 15 St Vincent Street, Glasgow, has been rejected by Glasgow district council's planning committee because it would spoil the building's appearance.

Ports alert in 'tug of love' cases

Children who are made wards of court are being given extra protection to stop them being smuggled out of the country through British ports.

From yesterday the police began operating a 24-hour alert service with immigration officers to identify those at risk.

This move is to speed up the process by which ports are given the identification of "tug of love" children who are in danger of being abducted and taken abroad by a parent.

Under the old system of the Child Abduction Act 1984, a parent who felt his or her child was at risk of unlawful removal had to ask the Home Office to put out "port stops" to warn immigration. More than 500 such stops are issued each year.

Mr David Mellor, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Home Office, said of the revised procedure: "If we are to stop children being unlawfully removed from this country, speed is essential, although it is not possible to give a cast-iron guarantee that in every case of a port alert a child will be successfully picked out."

Parents who fear their child could be abducted are advised to get in touch with their local police, who will then inform port immigration offices. The offices will keep the child's name on file.

Lichfields' divorce confirmed

Lady Lichfield confirmed yesterday that she and her husband, the photographer Patrick Lichfield, are to seek a divorce.

Speaking of the apparent failure of their recent trial separation and the forthcoming end of the 11-year marriage, she said: "It is very distressing."

Lady Lichfield said at her Eaton Square apartment yesterday that it was true the couple were to divorce "in the next few weeks".

Legal proceedings are said to be amicable and Lady Lichfield agreed that she regarded the divorce as "totally without acrimony".

The couple, who married in March 1975, have three children, son, Lord Anson, who is seven, and daughters Lady Rose and Lady Eloise.

It is understood that Lady Lichfield, sister of the Duke of Westminster, is to share the children's custody with her husband.

Lady Lichfield, aged 47, who is a great-nephew of the Queen Mother, was back working at his Staffordshire home yesterday. He has been living with an old Army friend.

At the time of the couple's separation, he was reported as saying: "There is no-one else involved."

He has described himself as a workaholic and once blamed his career for the marriage break-up.

His 18th-century country home, Shagborough, is owned by the National Trust, and Lord Lichfield retains a wing and 6,000 surrounding acres.

The Earl, who has won professional renown for his photographs of beautiful women and celebrities, was yesterday filming advertisements.

Tiger attack

Neil Matthews, a tent erector, was taken to hospital with chest cuts after being attacked by a tiger yesterday at Gerry Cottle's Circus winter quarters at Addlestone, Surrey. He was released after treatment.

Accidents at fairground start inquiry

A safety inquiry began yesterday after two boys were badly hurt on a fairground ride.

Stuart Hagan, aged 15, of Redders Court, Great Baddow, Essex, fractured his skull when he was thrown off the "Mexican Hat" at Chelmsford, Essex.

In a separate incident, Jason Fulbrook, aged 14, from Kent, broke his ankle when he fell off the same ride. Both boys were taken to Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford, after the accidents on Thursday night. Stuart Hagan's condition was said to be "fair" and the other boy was described as "comfortable".

Government inspectors checked safety catches on the ride yesterday. The fairground said that the boys were injured when they tried to jump off the ride while it was still moving.

Buried clues to the ancient climate

By Judy Redfeare

The fossil record is our best clue to the evolution of life and the environment in prehistoric times, but the picture it gives is incomplete.

In addition, the record provides information only about those creatures, generally hard-bodied, that make good fossils.

Now, a new technique promises to show far more than the fossil record ever could of early life, by seeking organic molecules in sediment under the ocean bed.

The organic molecules from which cells are made are the only trace left by many organisms. Debris from those living on land finds its way to the ocean in rivers or on the wind, and sinks to the sea-bed where it is gradually buried by further layers of sediment.

The debris is transformed, under certain circumstances, to oil, but most of it lies buried in rock strata, changed beyond all obvious recognition.

However, some molecules, especially the fatty lipids, remain relatively intact, and these are the key to the new technique.

Researchers at Bristol University and at the University of Kiel, West Germany, applying the technique for the first time, have found that the buried lipids give clues about ancient climates.

This is because fatty lipids are main constituents of the membranes that surround cells, and cells adjust the composition of the lipids in their membranes according to temperature changes.

Professor Geoffrey Eglington and Dr Simon Brassell, from Bristol, point out that such lipids are also component molecules of margarines and butter, and the behaviour of those two substances illustrates the phenomenon that scientists use in looking at molecules of ancient origin.

Margarine, which is high in unsaturated fats, spreads straight from the refrigerator, whereas butter, which is high in saturated fats, does not. Organisms in cold conditions alter the composition of their lipids so that most are unsaturated. In warm conditions, the proportion of saturated lipids goes up. In that way, a marine organism ensures that it remains flexible in cold water, like margarine, and does not turn rigid like butter.

That is the strategy adopted by many present-day marine algae. So might it not also have been used by their ancient counterparts?

Dr Brassell and Professor Eglington decided to examine the molecular record frozen in

Science report

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Contaminated wine found in Britain

HOUSE OF LORDS

One bulk consignment of Italian vermouth to Britain has been found to be contaminated with methanol at a fairly low level, Lady Trampington, Under Secretary of State, Health and Social Security, said during questions in the House of Lords.

She had earlier said that no contamination of Italian wine had been discovered in stocks on sale or in distribution.

The public, grocers and restaurateurs had been warned not to drink any Italian wine unless it had been tested. The wine trade had been testing stocks and imports were being sampled and tested by port authorities.

The Earl of Kintore (C) asked under what label suspect wine was sold and whether any wine imported in bulk to Britain or other countries outside Italy had been discovered to be contaminated and what tests were applied.

Lady Trampington: A list has been compiled by the Italian authorities and a list of bottlers has been published by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. We have not supplied the Italians with individual brand names, no doubt because bottlers frequently supply several brands. To find the bottles with contamination it is necessary to find the bottlers name rather than the brand name.

Following numerous tests by the wine trade, only one contaminated consignment has been found in the United Kingdom - a bulk consignment of Italian vermouth which was tested on arrival and found to contain methanol at a fairly low level.

Lord Melley (Lab): The Government ought not to be concerned with brands or labels but to say that the lot is banned. To look for brand names is an absurdity. The Government should say: "Do not sell or drink Italian wine until we say so."

Lady Trampington: I have always believed that a little of what you fancy does you good. The Italian decree came into force in March banning all export of all wines unless accompanied by a certificate of freedom from contamination by methanol.

Lord Strabolgi (Lab) asked what advice the Government had for British tourists to Italy.

Lady Trampington: They are in the same position as the Italian population generally. The Italian authorities have taken vigorous action to deal with the problem, but visitors would be well advised to buy wine only from reputable sources.

Lord Ennals (Lab) is she satisfied that the trade in Britain has been widely circulated with those firms and bottlers which have been guilty of serious contamination? Can we have an assurance that the people who sell it all know where the danger spots and the dangerous bottles are?

Lady Trampington: Yes.

She added later that the latest reports were that 23 people had died and more than 50 were seriously ill in Italy as a result of drinking contaminated wine but there were no reports of illness from the United Kingdom.

Lord Bruce of Donington (Lab) offered the advice that those who liked to consume alcohol in moderate quantities should concentrate on that produced in the United Kingdom for the time being - particularly that from north of the border.

Lady Trampington: I thoroughly approve his salesmanship.

Royal Assent

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Children's protection Bill passed

The Children and Young Persons (Amendment) Bill, private Member's Bill originally intended to involve the courts in decisions over whether children in care should be returned to their parents was read the third time in the Commons, but with its main provisions deleted.

Mr Dennis Walters (Westbury, C), the Bill's sponsor, moving the third reading, said he had not achieved as much as he had hoped but, he was satisfied that a useful measure had been introduced and that a worthy piece of legislation had been introduced.

The Health Service Joint Consultative Committee (Access to Information) Bill was read the third time and the Forestry Bill was read a second time.

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After Chernobyl: Safety study

Russian story

Shutdown doubt

Aid accepted

Ecologists order study of safety measures at European atom plants

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A review of all the types of containment, or protective systems used in Europe's atomic power stations...

It should be published by next Tuesday. A proposal was also made yesterday for a commission...

They challenged the view of Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Lord Marshall...

Mr Peter Taylor, of the Political Ecology Research Group, said the first generation of Magnox British reactors...

Mr Stewart Boyle, of Friends of the Earth, said over a third of the Sizewell inquiry concentrated on safety...

Caution on shutdown claim

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

European embassies in Moscow were yesterday treating with caution a claim by an American scientific expert...

Moscow all clear

The Foreign Office yesterday said it was no longer advising Britons to stay away from Moscow because of the danger of contamination...

Mr Boyle said a risk assessment should be available on all reactors. None of the 16 nuclear power stations in Britain had the level of containment proposed for Sizewell.

The British Embassy in Moscow has sampled air and found no rise in the level of radiation. But it is sending samples of grass and food to London for testing by government scientists.

The Government is advising travellers to Eastern Europe not to go to Kiev, western Ukraine, Minsk and Lithuania, and suggests caution in visiting northern Poland and Warsaw.

Estimates by British Government nuclear advisers of deaths from leukaemia and cancer over the next 10 to 30 years as a consequence of the Soviet accident are in fact a bit more pessimistic than those made by Mr Taylor.

When he applied the same computer analysis to the possibility of a release from a nuclear power station at Sizewell, the results were dismissed as unrealistic.

Meanwhile, three cargo ships arriving in Boston, Lincolnshire, had traces of contamination, obtained when they were in the Baltic at the time of the accident. But the levels were not high enough to hinder removal of the cargo.

Elsewhere in Europe, there was little sign of the extension of the original cloud of radioactive material from the Chernobyl reactor.

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West German scientists cutting grass on the lawn of the Munich Radiation Research Centre for examination for possible contamination from the Chernobyl disaster.

Russians accept aid offer

New York (NYT) - The Soviet Union has accepted an offer of help in treating victims of the nuclear accident at the Chernobyl atomic power plant.

The acceptance of the offer, from an international bone marrow transplant organization, seemed to confirm suggestions in the West that there had been serious radiation injuries.

Apart from immediate death, bone marrow failure is the most serious consequence of exposure to heavy radiation. Total bone marrow failure is virtually certain to cause death unless a bone marrow transplant can be carried out.

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Dr Gale on his way to Kiev yesterday.

Radiation reaches Channel

By our Foreign Staff

Low-level fallout from the Chernobyl nuclear power plant was detected throughout France yesterday, reaching the Channel, and spread to the northern Netherlands. Austria joined Poland and West Germany in imposing preventive health measures.

The French meteorological board said that wind changes over the weekend should push the fallout back towards the Soviet Union.

Radiation rose by more than 60 per cent in Luxembourg, and by 16 per cent in the Netherlands.

East Germany said that radiation levels in East Berlin since the accident were more than 100 times higher than normal but not a danger to health.

West Germany maintained strict controls on imports of fresh food from the east.

Radiation in the air over Switzerland, which had reached 10 times normal levels, began to fall. But levels increased sharply in the Balkans after an overnight wind shift carried radioactivity south. Increased readings were recorded in Yugoslavia, Romania, and Bulgaria.

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Michael Binyon

Soviet envoy briefs Capitol Hill

Washington

The almost unprecedented testimony of a Soviet official before a congressional hearing is clearly a belated attempt by the Russians to control the enormous damage Soviet secrecy over the nuclear accident is doing to American trust in the Kremlin's sincerity in arms control negotiations.

Mr Vitaly Churkin, a second secretary and arms control specialist at the Soviet Embassy here, said he was responding, at short notice, to the House energy sub-committee's invitation to testify as a symbol of his Government's willingness to be "very forthcoming."

Although he parried sharp questioning for over an hour, drawing some laughter and respect for his diplomatic skill, he revealed nothing beyond the terse official statements from Moscow.

Congress was impressed by his appearance, only the second by a Soviet official on Capitol Hill, but still "shocked and outraged" by the Soviet failure to notify neighbouring countries of the potential hazards from the accident.

Earlier in the day, the House passed a formal resolution deploring the lack of information.

American used to an open press and blanket coverage of disasters in this country - especially those as sensitive as nuclear accidents - have found it hard to understand Soviet secrecy.

The accident has swamped television and newspapers here, leading to lurid and exaggerated speculation. The issue has become a matter for intense debate, even in high schools.

The most common and damaging reaction has been: "If we can't trust them to tell the truth on this, how can we trust them on arms control?"

A cartoon in the right-wing Washington Times showed Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, smiling and saying: "Trust me," while from his mouth bubbled nuclear energy symbols.

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Russians, has been careful not to exploit the damage done to the Soviet image. "They're usually a little close-mouthed about these things," President Reagan said with deliberate understatement.

The White House pointedly noted that this would not affect his approach to Moscow on arms control, however, and that had always been one of "realism."

But the right-wing, with its emphasis on Soviet cheating in existing arms treaties, has been strengthened in insisting that Moscow cannot be trusted to stick by agreements.

Without question, the damage to Mr Gorbachev's public image here has strengthened Mr Reagan's hand for any forthcoming summit meeting. As Senator John Glenn, a strong proponent of nuclear non-proliferation, said: "Mr

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Britain's UN envoy on attack

From Zoriana Pysariwsky New York

Sir John Thomson, the British representative to the United Nations, chastised the United States for withholding about \$70 million (£45 million) from its contribution to the regular UN budget.

He told a special session of the General Assembly that if the US continued on its present course it would be in breach of its international obligations.

Sir John also criticized the Soviet Union for refusing to pay all its dues. "It is not acceptable or right for the superpowers to set such a poor example," he said.

He called on the assembly to accept the package of proposals put forward by Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the Secretary-General, for reducing the projected \$100 million shortfall for this year.

Iceland scraps ship row talks

Reykjavik (Reuters) - Iceland has scrapped a visit by a high-level US delegation due to discuss a bitter shipping dispute between the two countries, diplomatic sources said.

The delegation, led by State Department envoy Mr Edward Derwinski, was to have discussed an American company's use of decades-old legislation to wrest lucrative shipping contracts for the US naval base at Keflavik in Iceland from domestic firms.

Iceland's Foreign Minister, Mr Matthias Matthiesen, said that the US had nothing to offer towards solving the dispute.

Compromise US budget agreed by weary senators

From Bautey Morris, Washington

The US Senate has passed the first \$1,000 billion (£645 billion) budget in a dramatic session in which Republicans supported a large tax increase opposed by President Reagan in a last-ditch attempt to reduce the soaring Federal deficit.

After two days of intense in-fighting among Republicans, weary senators finally passed a compromise budget, by a strong margin of 70-25, in the early hours yesterday.

The Senate budget contains \$13.1 billion new taxes and cut defence spending by \$19 billion to reduce the deficit to \$144 billion in fiscal 1987.

The measure now goes to the US House, which begins work on the budget next week. House Democrats, who have vowed not to support tax increases unless President Reagan specifically endorses them, had waited to see what action the Senate would take.

Much of the drama surrounding the compromise was broadcast live for the first time to the American public through closed circuit television. Included in the last-minute manoeuvres were numerous phone calls to travelling White House officials in the Far East with President Reagan for the Tokyo economic summit.

At one point, Senate majority leader Mr Robert Dole told Mr Donald Regan, the White House Chief of Staff, that he had enough votes to kill the compromise version if the President wanted him to do so.

But Mr Reagan gave the

challenge to its Central American policy. It is anxious to show that the political climate in El Salvador is improving, and this aim would not be helped by granting asylum to large numbers of Salvadorans.

The Government prosecuted the case as one of straight-forward smuggling and it brought charges against 11 activists who included two Roman Catholic priests, a nun and six church lay workers. Defence lawyers were angry because the judge refused to hear any moral or religious arguments.

The eight convicted of helping illegal aliens will be sentenced in July. Three others were acquitted including Mr Jim Corbett, one of the founders of the movement.

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Libyans escape charges

Ankara (Reuters) - Three Libyans named in connection with an attempt to bomb a US officers' club in Ankara have diplomatic immunity and cannot be tried.

The Justice Ministry had inquired about the status of People's Bureau (embassy) bodyguard Abdulhamid al-Hadi Sadun, Mohammed Shaban Hassan, a Libyan cultural centre official, and Ali al-Zayyani, the Libyan consul in Istanbul.

The Foreign Ministry had replied that all three had full diplomatic status under the Vienna Convention, he said.

Sadun, Hassan and an Istanbul-based Libyan Arab Airlines official flew home shortly after the alleged foiled bomb attempt.

Fishermen on 1,500-mile trip

Pretoria (Reuters) - South African immigration officials were questioning 76 men who arrived in Walvis Bay, Namibia, on a fishing boat after a gruelling 1,500-mile voyage from São Tomé and Príncipe.

A government spokesman said it was not clear whether they wanted to stay.

Two escape to West

Munich (AFP) - Two East German soldiers have crossed to the West in the past 24 hours in separate bids, one after shooting a companion, the other through a water pipe.

Border police said a 19-year-old soldier had shot his fellow patrol member, leaving him in a field and crossing to the West where he went to a hotel at Ermsershausen, in Bavaria.

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Western leaders on diplomatic trail to Tokyo summit

Thatcher visit raises hope of Seoul deal

From David Watts, Seoul

Memories of the British contribution to the freedom of South Korea and continued support for its independence set the tone when Mrs Margaret Thatcher arrived last night for the first visit by a British Prime Minister.

But British diplomats are hoping it will not merely be Korean War memories which will make up the centrepiece of the visit.

There were hints before the visit that the South Koreans may offer what one diplomat called "a very exciting" new agreement between the two countries.

So far there has been no firm indication of what may be in the offing, but speculation centres on access to the Korean securities market for British companies, which are queuing up for licences to operate in this important new market.

Also suggested is the possibility of a new arms deal with Britain which could involve the British Aerospace Hawk plane.

Daewoo, a Korean company, has just reached agreement with British Aerospace for the manufacture of pylons for the aircraft.

Though Mrs Thatcher seemed to pay little attention to President Chun's struggle with the opposition over increased democratization during his recent visit to London, a leading member of the opposition, Mr Kim Young Sam, will be at a reception at the British Embassy this evening.

Mrs Thatcher's first day begins with a visit to the National Cemetery in Seoul, where she will lay a wreath.

She will then hold a round of talks with President Chun. In an arrival statement last night she said that the talks she would be having with the President would "allow us to continue the dialogue so happily begun in London."

"I hope that the two visits will testify to the good relations between our two countries and will be seen as forming the basis from which we build a growing partnership not only in the political and also in the commercial and economic fields."

This afternoon Mrs Thatcher is to fly north to the demilitarized zone between North and South Korea.

Later she will see the site of perhaps the most famous British contribution to the Korean War, when a battalion of the Gloucestershire Regiment held off the advancing Chinese north-east of Seoul to give the retreating UN forces time to reorganize.

At the site, Gloucester Valley, she will lay another wreath before returning to Seoul for a state banquet hosted by the President.

Seventy-four thousand British personnel were sent to fight in the Korean War, including 57,000 soldiers.

When the war ended in 1953, 606 British soldiers had been killed, almost 2,500 had been wounded and more than 1,100 were missing.

Tomorrow Mrs Thatcher is to fly south to visit the Pohang steel works, for which the British Davy company has been awarded a contract for the construction of two blast furnaces.

At the end of her visit tomorrow Mrs Thatcher flies to Tokyo for the meeting of leaders of seven industrialized democracies.

Asean backs US on terror

Nusa Dua, Bali (Reuters) — President Reagan headed for the Tokyo economic summit yesterday after winning backing from six south-east Asian countries in his call for international action against terrorism.

The President, whose visit here has been overshadowed by the Soviet nuclear accident, had with him a memorandum from the Association of South East Asian Nations (Asean) on its economic worries, which he said he would present to the summit when it opens in Tokyo tomorrow.

He was seen off at Bali airport by President Suharto after a four-day stay on the tropical island which focused international attention on press freedom and alleged



Police out in thousands to guard the few

Tokyo — Never have so few been guarded by so many (David Watts writes).

The centre of Tokyo is virtually under martial law in readiness for the summit of seven industrial nations which begins this weekend.

Riot police are on every main street, searching vehicles and making identity checks. Threats from left-wing radicals and the prospect that international terrorists might try to stage a spectacular operation during the meeting and the subsequent visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales, have security forces on tenterhooks.

The focal point for the 30,000 police on duty is a red building in the west of Tokyo. Its facade strung with banners denouncing the Government, the white-helmeted guard on the roof and the door

reinforced with steel plate are the clues to the headquarters of the Chukaku-Ha, radicals who have declared that they will "smash" the summit as a manifestation of worldwide imperialism.

Gaining access to the building is no mean feat. Once inside the reinforced steel door the visitor must pause while the first door is closed by an anonymous member, swathed in black and towels to hide his identity, who then opens a second heavily-fortified door.

Inside are the weapons of an all-out war with the establishment: flags, staves and the occasional helmet. The mood is sombre — the group has been under siege by the police for years. Threats against the summit merely serve to heighten the tension.

A soft-spoken man with dark, determined eyes behind

his surprisingly fashionable glasses talks about his life as a professional revolutionary. Mr Katsumi Kanayama is 39 but looks 20. He has been in jail seven times since the 1960s. The summit, he says, is a meeting to start a world war led by "the biggest terrorist, Reagan".

Mr Kanayama and his immediate group are taken very seriously by the police, though their recent operations have done nothing more than inconvenience the public. A rocket attack was launched on a US base five hours after Mr Reagan's F111s struck at Colonel Gaddafi. Any manifestation of what Chukaku-Ha regards as "imperial Japan" is fair game.

So far his homemade rockets have been less than spectacular. With a range of about a mile they have been fired at

Black bishop freed an hour before clerics' jail protest

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

A black bishop was freed from prison yesterday one hour before the Rt Rev Desmond Tutu, Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg, was due to lead clerics in a protest march to the jail's gates.

A scheduled prayer service for the release of the Rt Rev Sigisbert Ndawandwe, Anglican Bishop suffragan of the West Rand, was quickly substituted by a service of thanksgiving.

He was detained last week under the Internal Security Act and taken to prison in Klerksdorp in the south-western Transvaal.

When Bishop Tutu arrived in the town yesterday he was met by the local police commander and told that an hour earlier Bishop Ndawandwe had been charged in court with alleged incitement and released without bail.

At the thanksgiving service in the local Anglican church which Bishop Ndawandwe attended, Bishop Tutu prayed for the release of other detainees who, he said, were being held unfairly.

Meanwhile, South Africa's Roman Catholic bishops declared yesterday that they were in favour of increased economic pressure to speed

reform if it did not cause more people to be put out of work.

The rather equivocal statement was issued by the Southern African Catholic Bishops Conference after a three-day meeting in Durban.

Bishop Tutu has openly called for economic sanctions against South Africa, but the Catholic priesthood and laity are split on the issue.

Whites walked angrily out of Masses in Johannesburg last weekend when they were asked to indicate how they felt.

A group of priests in Durban voted 35-4 against the sanctions and disinvestment, which they said would cause increased hardship and possible further violence.

Father Angus Mackinnon, who chaired the meeting, said yesterday that there would be strong reaction and probably more walk-outs if the statement by the bishops was read in churches.

The bishops made no direct reference to disinvestment in their statement, but said: "It seems the most effective of non-violent forms of pressure left is economic pressure."

They acknowledged that Catholics were not obliged to agree with them, but said that their

statement gave a clear lead to be taken seriously.

Blacks streamed back to work yesterday after their massive "stayaway" on May Day, which brought industry and commerce in many parts of the country almost to a halt.

Police reported that eight people, two of them black policemen, had been killed in an upsurge of township violence overnight. Nearly 100 had been arrested.

At Watville township in the East Rand a black policeman was "necklaced" after a youth was shot dead in a clash which followed a May Day rally. The police said the constable was cornered in his home and shot dead one of his attackers before he was killed.

A second black constable was waylaid and killed in a street in Eersterus township, near Pretoria.

The police report said that another badly wounded man staggered into a police station at Actonville, near Benoni, east of Johannesburg, but collapsed and died before he could tell who had shot him.

The bullet-riddled body of another man was found in the same township. Three other people were killed elsewhere by police gunfire.

Hope for Mandela? Page 8

Victory by one party unlikely in Thai poll

From Neil Kelly Bangkok

No single political party is likely to win an overall majority in Thailand's general election on July 27 although the Democrat Party is expected to take most seats with its leader, Mr Bhichai Ratanak, possibly becoming Prime Minister. An elected MP, he is now a Deputy Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister, General Prem Tinsulanonda, who secured the King's formal dissolution of Parliament late on Thursday night, has not made clear his own plans.

It is thought he will again offer himself to be appointed Prime Minister by a parliamentary majority. He has served in that capacity for the past six years, giving Thailand an unusual period of stable rule under a civilian government. Any of the political parties would welcome him into their ranks if he chose to run for election as an MP but he is not expected to do so.

Although some observers say the fall of the Government has left Thailand's political future wide open, the prevailing view is that General Prem's years in office have enabled democracy to put down strong roots.

It is thought that even a military strongman who might come to power with the support of sympathetic MPs would still have to respect the constitution. After the fall of the Government on Thursday its chief spokesman warned anyone contemplating a coup to "stop and think again."

An eminent political scientist said recently: "Young officers don't want General Prem" (as Prime Minister). They would like him replaced by General Arthit Kamlangek, the Supreme Commander, who must retire in August.

Meeting ends in disarray Arabs fail to find a summit agenda

Fez (Reuters) — Arab foreign ministers have failed to agree on the agenda for a summit to work out a united Arab response to the American raids on Libya last month.

A brief communique at the end of the two-day meeting said the ministers would meet again at a later date but did not mention the raids.

The summit, which King Hassan of Morocco proposed to hold in Fez today, looked doomed when Colonel Gaddafi suggested it should meet instead at Sabha in the Libyan desert.

"One can say there is general consensus on holding a summit. The only problem is to fix the agenda," the Moroccan Foreign Minister, Mr Abdel Latif Fialil, said after the meeting ended in disarray on Thursday night.

"Everybody thought it was necessary to hold more talks and to meet again immediately after the Eid al-Fitr," he said. The Eid al-Fitr marks the end of the Ramadan month of

fasting, which starts next week.

Libya and Syria wanted the summit agenda to be restricted to the Arab response to the US bombing. Iraq and the Gulf states wanted an enlarged agenda, headed by the Iranian war.

Conservative Arab states wanted Libya to ease its support for Iran in the war in exchange for a united Arab response to the bombing. They argued that Iran's recent offensive, in which it occupied the Iraqi city of Fao, was as much aggression against the Arab people as the US raids.

The Libyan Foreign Minister, Mr Kamal Hassan al-Manassir, said he still hoped for a summit in Sabha. Conference sources said Colonel Gaddafi was unwilling to attend one outside Libya.

The Secretary-General of the Arab League, Mr Cheddi Klibi, referred to the US raids in his opening address as an aggression and a serious violation of Libya's sovereignty.

Waldheim rests hopes on young voters

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

Two days before Austria's vote in the most bitterly contested presidential election in their country's history, Dr Kurt Waldheim addressed a crowd of several hundred in the centre of Vienna yesterday.

He reiterated his feelings of disgust and horror at being the victim of "unfair and dirty" allegations in recent weeks.

Appealing particularly to younger voters, he insisted that young Austrians would not allow their parents' generation to be branded as criminals.

His words were upstaged somewhat by the impressive

rhetoric employed by Dr Kurt Dieman, a film producer who was supporting Dr Waldheim and who made a remarkable speech a few minutes before the former Secretary-General of the United Nations took the microphone.

"This great people... the glory of Austria... children of Andreas Hofer... this people are not a race of Nazis... are not a people who need to ask for pardon!"

Dr Dieman's speech whipped up the crowd's emotions so that Dr Waldheim's words came as something of an anti-climax.

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Thatcher terror draft for summit

By Nicholas Ashford, Diplomatic Correspondent

When Mrs Thatcher arrives in Tokyo tomorrow for the seven-nation economic summit she will have a draft declaration on terrorism intended to get the other participants — especially Japan — to introduce similar measures to those approved by the European Community last month.

However, although her summit partners share her

concern about the spread of international terrorism, there are differing views about how best to fight it.

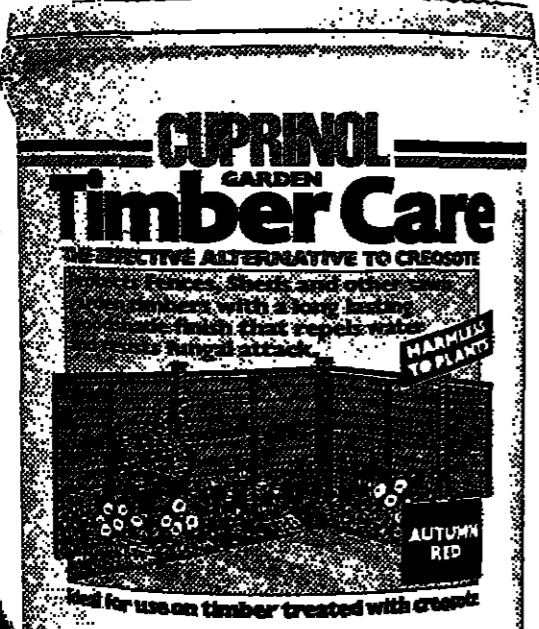
The Japanese do not believe an economic summit is the right venue for launching an international campaign against terrorism. They particularly want to avoid putting their name to a document specifically aimed at Libya.

one of their major oil suppliers.

Aware that terrorism is likely to eclipse much of the economic discussion, the Japanese are drafting their own anti-terrorism declaration, but they will not recommend specific action.

The Americans have also prepared a draft declaration believed to be not dissimilar to Mrs Thatcher's.

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Copyright piracy Bill lacks teeth

Singapore (Reuters) — Singapore will remain a haven for copyright piracy unless loopholes in a Bill designed to stamp it out are plugged, the International Federation of Phonogram and Videogram Producers said yesterday.

Under the Bill, which has its second reading on Monday, the onus is shifted to the prosecutor to prove that copyright laws were knowingly infringed.

"Now if we find someone with a large number of tapes he must prove he did not intend to sell them. Under the new Bill we will have to prove the person was aware of the copyright laws... and that may be almost impossible," the federation's lawyer, Mr Nicolas Garnett, said.

The Bill, he said, did not require Singapore to join two international copyright conventions which give reciprocal protection to all member countries irrespective of where a work is first produced.

"The Bill should also have a minimum penalty for copyright infringements, or judges will be able to impose small fines of \$Singapore 200 as they do now," Mr Garnett added.

The Bill provides for anyone found guilty of pirating records, cassette tapes, video tapes, books or computer programmes to be fined a maximum \$Singapore 10,000 (£3,070) per copy.

According to official figures almost 30 million fake cassettes were exported from Singapore last year.

Airport alert man charged

From Robert Schmil Amsterdam

Tests have shown that a man arrested at Amsterdam airport this week was in possession of explosives and detonators, Dutch police alleged yesterday.

They said a tin found in his luggage contained 2lb of TNT, and six detonators were concealed in a transistor radio. The man has been charged with illegal possession of arms.

Police are now working on the assumption that he is a Japanese national aged 33, identified by police only by his initials, YU.

They said the passport had been authenticated. It says he is a resident of Athens, but he is in Amsterdam on Thursday on a regular flight from Belgrade with the Yugoslav airline JAT. He had a Belgrade-Amsterdam return ticket, but had not booked his return flight.

Police said the man denied transporting the explosives and refused to answer further questions.

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Aftermath of Golden Temple action

Sikh ruling party split widens as terrorists resort to random killing

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Though the operation to drive separatist Sikh extremists out of the Golden Temple of Amritsar has been warmly welcomed by spokesmen of all political persuasions outside the troubled state of Punjab, Mr. Surjit Singh Barnala, the Chief Minister, faces serious trouble over it within his state.

Last night, two Punjab ministers resigned from the state Cabinet in protest against the police action. They were Mr. Amarinder Singh, the Agriculture Minister, and Mr. Sukhinder Singh, the Education Minister.

Two other senior Sikh leaders - Mr. Prakash Singh Badal and Mr. Gurbachan Singh Tolra - resigned from the working committee of the moderate political party.

There has been an immediate reaction from the terrorists who, after the police action repressing the holiest Sikh shrine, promised a "crippling" reply. But there has also been signs of deep disagreement

within the ruling Sikh party, the Akali Dal.

The terrorist response came with a random massacre at a grain market at Tarn Taran, a centre of militant Sikh activity 25 miles from Amritsar, when five Hindus were killed in indiscriminate firing. Two died on the spot, while three others died in hospital later. The attackers escaped in the dark.

A Sikh politician, a member of the Congress (I) party of Mr. Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister, was assassinated on his own doorstep in the village of Majitha, close by. He answered the door to killers pretending to be visitors, and died immediately. His killers got away on foot.

A seventh victim died in a further shooting incident early yesterday.

Mr. Surjit Singh Barnala yesterday visited the temple to see for himself the way the operation had gone. There was heavy security including a

helicopter hovering overhead.

Crowds at the temple were larger than they have been for the four months since the militants seized control of it.

But a sign of the deep divisions within the Akali party came when the Chief Minister called a joint meeting of the state legislative party and of the working committee to endorse the action of the government. Many members found it convenient to stay away.

The absentees included Mr. Parkash Singh Badal, a former chief minister, who has never fully reconciled himself to Mr. Surjit Singh's leadership. He was consulted by anxious legislators as soon as news of the police action became known.

Perhaps the most surprising of the senior absentees was Mr. Amarinder Singh, the former Maharajah of Patiala, who has been a close friend of Mr. Gandhi.



Mrs Brundtland at the Royal Castle yesterday after Mr Willoch (below) resigned



Labour government on the way in Norway

Oslo (Reuter) - The Norwegian Government resigned yesterday and Mrs Gro Harlem Brundtland, the opposition Labour Party leader, was expected to announce that she had accepted an invitation to form a minority Government.

The outgoing Prime Minister, Mr Kaare Willoch, who resigned after his three-party coalition was defeated on an austerity budget vote, handed in his Government's resignation to King Olav.

Mrs Brundtland was called to see the King two hours later but declined to say if she had accepted an offer to form a new government. She said she would meet the King again for further talks.

Mr Willoch said after his 45-minute meeting with King Olav that Mrs Brundtland faced severe problems. "There are so many heavy decisions waiting for a quick answer that I hope she is able to make a decision quickly," he said.

Haiti resignation calls amid falling support for junta

From Alan Tomlinson, Port-au-Prince

The Haiti military-dominated junta, which only three months ago took over after the overthrow of President Jean-Claude (Baby Doc) Duvalier, faces demands that it should step down.

It has lost much of its early support because it has neither eradicated former associates of the Duvaliers from public office, nor brought to trial those accused of political crimes.

The junta has also failed to outline a programme of social reform and economic recovery or to set a timetable for the general elections it promised upon taking office.

What little credibility it maintained evaporated in the smoke of automatic weapons fire on Saturday, when police opened fire on 3,000 demonstrators who had marched to the notorious Duvalier Fort Dimanche dungeon on the Port-au-Prince dockside, to commemorate those who died during one of the worst periods of oppression under Papa Doc, Baby Doc's father.

Four people died from gunshot wounds and three others were electrocuted when overhead power cables severed by police bullets crashed on the rain-drenched crowd.

The incident reinforced a growing feeling among Haiti's 6 million people that the removal of the Duvaliers has not in itself brought an end to repression.

The head of the interim junta, army chief General Henri Namphy, made a rare television appearance on Sunday night to blame agitators in the crowd for provoking the police.

But Mr Silvio Claude, leader of the Democratic Christian Party, one of a number of

opposition groups which have emerged since February, accused former members of Duvalier's Tonton Macoute militia, who were incorporated into the security forces after being disbanded, of responsibility for the shooting.

Other government critics called on the junta to resign, but a general strike urged by one prominent opposition figure, Mr Rockefeller Guerre, failed to materialize this week.

The former Justice Minister in the interim Government, Mr Gerard Gougou, who resigned in March to resume



General Henri Namphy: put the blame on agitators.

his activities as president of the Haitian Human Rights League, said it remained to be seen how people in the provinces would react to the deaths in the capital.

Uprisings in provincial towns and cities forced Mr Duvalier to flee to France on February 7.

Amid speculation that a renewal of anti-government demonstrations may be imminent, and fears that right-wing military officers may be contemplating a coup, Western diplomats here described the junta's position as fragile. But few believe that the interim government is in immediate danger of being swept away.

Sri Lankan guerrilla chief snatched

Colombo - Clashes between Sri Lanka's two Tamil guerrilla groups shifted to the eastern province yesterday, with the Tamil Eelam Liberation Organization threatening to kill all the rival Liberation Tigers Eelam if their captured leader is harmed (A Correspondent writes).

Security forces said that 135 guerrillas of both groups had died this week.

Bouquets and barbed wire for Miss Bhutto

Karachi (Reuter) - Barbed wire barricades, heavy iron gates and several tons of rose petals await opposition leader Miss Benazir Bhutto when she arrives today for her first rally in Pakistan's largest city.

Local authorities have taken unprecedented security measures, cordoning off the airport with more than 100,000ft of barbed wire and mobilizing more than 2,000 police to control crowds, po-

lice said. Miss Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party has organized several thousand "People's Guards" and covered Karachi with banners, flags and posters in the party's red, black and green colours.

Travel between Karachi airport and the city will be nearly impossible today as supporters line the nine-mile route on which Miss Bhutto is to give 12 speeches.

Inquiry vindicates publication of tapes

Wider use of phone-tapping urged by Australian judge

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

The bosses of organized crime in Australia slept less easily last night.

After years of painfully slow progress, investigators have secured a significant breakthrough. Their jubilation concerns the report of a Royal Commission tabled in Parliament on Wednesday which rules as authentic thousands of hours of taped telephone conversations made between 1968 and 1984.

Its importance is that, although they were made illegally, the so-called Age tapes have finally been verified as an extremely valuable accumulation of information on organized crime operations in Australia.

The report, by Mr Justice Stewart, head of the national crime authority, vindicates completely the decision two years ago by The Age newspaper in Melbourne to publish extracts of the tapes, which he says were made by otherwise honest police "in the very difficult and often frustrating fight against deeply entrenched organized crime".

At the same time, the

commission's findings should embarrass those who tried to discredit the newspaper, including Mr Neville Wran, the Labor Prime Minister of New South Wales, who described the tapes as "phony", and a senior minister of the Hawke Labor Government, who dismissed them as "fakes".

The full contents of the tapes remain secret. Mr Justice Stewart states in his report that he plans to use them to launch prosecutions against suspected major criminals.

He goes on to say that phone-tapping has been a valuable weapon in the war on crime, and recommends that police be granted wider powers to intercept phone conversations - at present confined to drug investigations.

Among those whose conversations were illegally monitored and recorded were Mr Morgan Ryan, a prominent Sydney solicitor, and his friend Mr Justice Lionel Murphy, the High Court judge acquitted at a retrial this week of attempting to pervert the course of justice.

Another man whose phone

was bugged was Mr Robert Trimbolo, head of a big Australian drug syndicate, now a fugitive.

It emerged yesterday that since Mr Justice Murphy's acquittal, new charges against him had been recommended by the prosecuting counsel, but rejected by the Director of Public Prosecutions.

The National Times, a weekly publication, reported that Mr Ian Callinan, QC, had sought to have conspiracy charges brought against the judge over a conversation which was reported by a former policeman.

The claim, and the verification of the Age tapes, makes it highly likely that public debate over the judge's position on the High Court bench will continue.

It is not disputed that he features in a number of taped conversations with Mr Ryan, who is himself facing criminal proceedings.

The liberal opposition has indicated that it might seek to have Mr Justice Murphy turned off the bench for misconduct.

US admits two nuclear subs ran aground

From Melissa Ali, Washington

Two United States nuclear submarines have run aground in Europe in the past two months, but Navy officials yesterday emphasized that no radiation leaked from their power plants and no crew members were injured.

A Navy spokesman said the nuclear-powered attack submarine Atlanta ran aground on Tuesday in the Strait of Gibraltar. There was no damage to its nuclear propulsion system. Atlanta went on to Gibraltar on its own power.

Eight drowned as Kenya is hit by floods

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

Large areas of Kenya are experiencing the heaviest rains for 10 years - a welcome contrast to recent droughts but one that is bringing problems with many roads impassable, bridges washed away and at least eight people drowned.

At times, traffic in central Nairobi has been brought almost to a standstill, with some roads under water. On Thursday the main road north from here was cut when a river burst its banks.

The spokesman described as speculation a report that the Nathaniel Greene was damaged so severely that it will be scrapped.

Aids vaccine a decade away

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

Dr Jay Levy, of the University of California, has told Governor George Deukmejian of California that it will take at least a decade to develop a vaccine against Aids. He is one of the first scientists in the world to isolate the Aids virus.

The bleak forecast followed the governor's recent tour of an Aids research laboratory, during which he looked through a microscope at cells taken from the mouth lesions of an Aids patient.

The visit came soon after the release of a 100-page report, Aids: a prescription for meeting the needs of 1990, which predicted that California's 4,100 Aids victims would increase to 30,000 by the end of 1990, and the cost of treating those victims would reach \$5 billion (£3.3 billion).

Governor Deukmejian has proposed spending \$8 million during the next fiscal year on Aids research, plus another \$2

million in research grants to the University of California for its work in the field. This represents an almost 700 per cent increase in California's Aids funding since 1983.

In San Francisco, considered the gay capital of America, Aids researchers are saying that, in view of the time needed to develop a cure, those figures are woefully inadequate.

Dr Levy says: "Aids research is seriously underfunded and our progress is greatly compromised."

Recent discoveries, he said, had opened whole new areas for research which needed more resources.

There has also been severe criticism of the California report's recommendation of mandatory testing of high-risk groups for the presence of antibodies to the disease, and conclusions that up to 30 per cent of those found to have

such antibodies can be expected to fall victim to Aids.

Dr Robert Anderson, of the California Department of Health, said the worst case scenario is based on a study in a recent issue of the New England Medical Journal, which indicates that 29 per cent of those who developed antibodies, over a four and a half year study period, had developed Aids.

But, he added: "The Centre for Disease Control in Atlanta more often uses the figures of from 5 to 20 per cent. Of course our studies are still so very new and so no one really knows for sure at this stage precisely how accurate any of our predictions are."

Last week, the Deukmejian administration quickly pulled back from suggestions of mandatory testing, emphasizing that the Health Department was not proposing "indiscriminate testing of members of the public."

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Formalities observed

Following yesterday's Times story about print workers threatening to pull the plug on The Observer if Bernard Levin's article was used, I hear an article by Observer science correspondent Robin McKie had to be rewritten...

Copy catch

Want to know how Labour made use of Opposition Day in the Commons this week? Instead of raising Chernobyl or the prisons dispute, they cribbed an early day motion signed by 47 Tory MPs...

Cotton club

Dialogue overheard in a London restaurant between Bill Cotton, managing director of BBC TV, and director general Alasdair Milne: "He was in tears," said Cotton. "So would you be if you'd been with the BBC for 30 years," replied Milne...

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Book now

The Far Eastern book pirates are getting cheekier. Eric Ellen, director of the London-based Counterfeiting Intelligence Bureau, executive secretary of the International Association of Airport and Seaport Police...

Anti Social

Workers at the SDP party headquarters in Cowley Street, Westminster, were bemused when they saw an orange Vote Alliance poster displayed prominently in "wet" Energy Secretary Peter Walker's front window...

Vigilant

For two decades, at this time of year, Britain's Russian emigre community has gathered to listen to Radio 3's broadcast of the Russian Orthodox Church's mid-night Easter vigil. This year, however, it will not be coming from All Saints Church in Kensington - but Paris...

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The great charities tax trap

by Andrew Phillips

A legislative time bomb ticks under Britain's charities, buried within section 29 and schedule 7 of the Finance Bill (which implements the Budget) now before Parliament. Unless swiftly defused, the mayhem likely to be created will set back charitable endeavour as never before...

The company's profits are then covenanted to the first charity, so that it and the company are exempt. To make sure of exemption, the charity "applies" the profits by a grant to the second charity, which doesn't use the grants for its charitable purposes...

There would be no chance of strategic planning to build reserves for major initiatives - or building, for example, a fund to rebuild a village hall, repair the church, buy a bus for a school. For those with fluctuating needs and uncertain funding, planning and growth will be high-impossible. In their zeal to catch the rogues, the Inland Revenue has also put at risk membership charities such as the National Trust and Women's Institute...

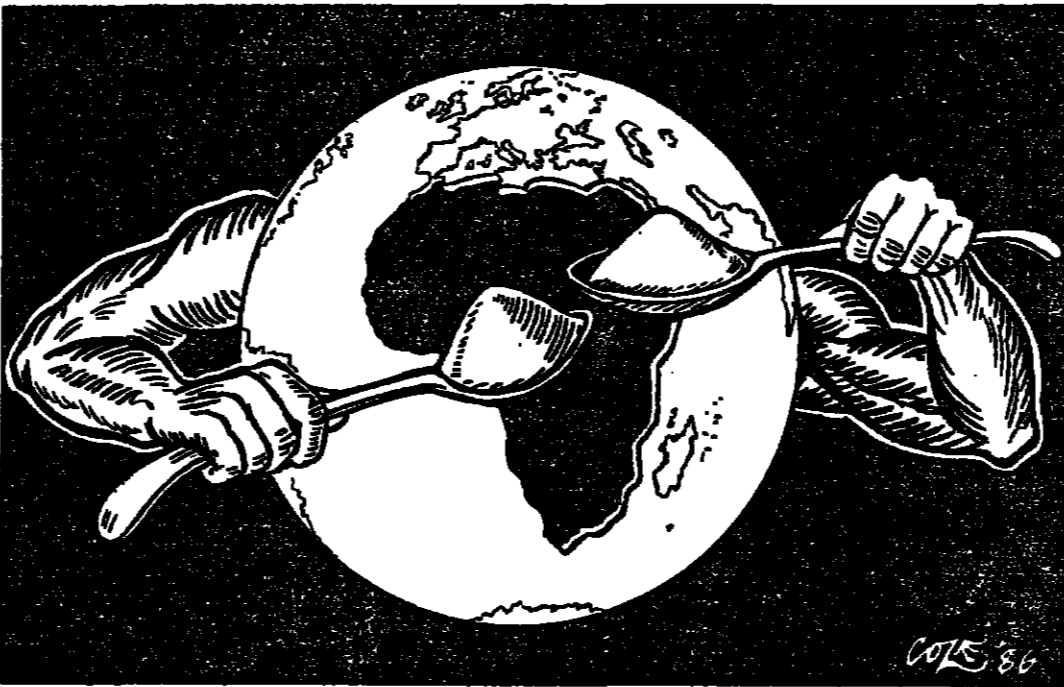
There is no viable substitute for enforcing the existing general charity law. An attempt to do so by this tax trap inevitably leads either to inordinate, unfair complexity or to excessive, unfair crudity. The proposed new law snares thousands of charities in every definition and category it will create. Already those who have some understanding of what is involved, such as Charities Aid Foundation, believe the cost in in-house expenses and professional fees will far exceed the revenue loss being staunchly. One wonders how great an extra burden it will place on revenue staff, and how much better it would be to divert the expertise and expense into beefing up Charity Commission enforcement.

The author is a solicitor

Richard North on ecology's new crusade to improve African farming

A food chain with a future

Baroness Karen Blixen, writing as Isak Dinesen, introduces her book Out of Africa with the words: "I had a farm in Africa." This is no longer the attractive prospect it once seemed. When Blixen's coffee farm went bankrupt in 1931, Africa had perhaps five people per square kilometre. Now, in the year in which the film of her book won seven Oscars, there are nearly 18 in Africa; as elsewhere in the world, the race is now on to establish what has come to be called "sustainable development" - a way of trying to help the farmers and foresters of poorer countries to prosper without exhausting the land...



Environment held in Stockholm in 1972. It was acknowledged that man's activity had made patches of the world unpleasant to live in, and that population pressures threatened to make the problem worse. But it was also recognized that in the poorer parts of the world man's very future was being threatened: people were too poor to farm as though tomorrow mattered, and the soil was simply blowing away. Gradually, the understanding grew that it was possible to increase the amount of food grown by combining traditional methods with modern ecological knowledge. This idea gained currency just as another solution to the world food problem started to go out of fashion: the notion that the population should be curbed at all costs...

A generation of men and women who had wanted to save the declining stock of wild animals and their habitat had become entrenched in a "fence and save" mentality. The question is whether productivity has to be hopelessly at odds with wildlife and wilderness. A growing body of opinion among environmentalists and naturalists suggests that it does not. A reconciliation is emerging between the two groups, based on the belief that just as agriculture has to conform to certain biological rules, so there may also be a role for pure, or nearly pure, wilderness. Some wilderness habitats may be wilderness because that is what they do best. The tropical rain forest will be more fruitful as a source of tropical rain forest products than as a hamburger farm on bulldozed and fast-eroding soils. But when someone does have productive and sustainable idea for using the land instead of leaving the trees in place, it should be up to the rich world to buy or rent it as a reserve if it feels that in the long term the land would be more productive left as it is. These ideas are proving attractive to a generation of idealists who were the drop-outs of the 1960s. They now want to agitate for change within or alongside the aid agencies they would have despised in their hot-headed days. Many of them see purchasing power as the best means of effecting the changes they seek. Even so, the sustainable development movement may take some time to realize that enterprise (and

ensuring that the profit filters through to the peasants) is the key to motivating poor farmers. The new International Tropical Timber Organization - whose potentially bright future is threatened at present by the inability of its members to agree on a headquarters location - is the sort of mechanism that might work. A grouping of those countries that produce and consume tropical timber, its avowed intention is to make timber-growing considerably more profitable for poor countries. The organization has promulgated a commodities agreement which, for the first time anywhere, incorporates the idea that the crop should be managed and harvested sustainably. This offers the hope that timber can be grown and sold in such a way that the forest ensures the logger a harvest in the future. It offers the hope that we in the rich world can buy our hardwood knowing that we have done something to help the forest and give the people working in it a living. The prospect has united the World Wildlife Fund, the International Institute for Environment and Development, Friends of the Earth, much of the timber trade, the UK Department of Trade and Industry - and the foresters. Here there are the makings of a structure that would encourage equitable and sustainable development for man together with a respect for wild habitats. The author's book, The Real Cost (Chatto & Windus, £7.95), is an account of the human and environmental costs of 30 products.

A glimmer of hope for Mandela

Nicholas Ashford on the Commonwealth's chances of making a deal with Pretoria

When "Sonny" Ramphal, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, announced the composition of the organization's "eminent persons group" on South Africa late last year, few people thought its seven members stood much chance of defusing the apartheid time bomb. Eminent its members may have been. But an ex-president, an ex-prime minister, two ex-foreign ministers, a former chancellor of the exchequer, an archbishop and a dame hardly seemed a match for one of the most ruthless governments in the world. The odds on the group actually getting Pretoria and "representative" black leaders to begin a dialogue leading to the dismantling of apartheid are still heavily weighted against them. But as Malcolm Fraser and General Olusegun Obasanjo, the co-chairmen, prepare to lead their team to South Africa for a second visit later this month, there is a glimmer of hope that they may persuade Nelson Botha to agree to release President Mandela, the imprisoned black nationalist leader - a step that could mark the beginning of a genuine black-white dialogue. When the group first visited the country in March the South Africans were initially reluctant to let them even meet Mandela.

Eventually they had a 50-minute private session with him in Pollsmoor prison outside Cape Town. They were deeply impressed, finding him to be a man of moderate views who showed few signs of bitterness for the 23 years he has spent in jail. They were disappointed, therefore, when they were harangued by Botha a few hours later about how Mandela was an extremist and a paid agent of the Soviet Union whose continued incarceration was the responsibility of black militants who wanted him to die in prison and become a martyr. Before leaving Cape Town the group left a memorandum with Botha listing proposals they felt were preconditions for beginning a black-white dialogue. They included the release of Mandela and other political prisoners, a lifting of the ban on the African National Congress and the dismantling of key apartheid laws. They made it clear that unless they derived some encouragement from his reply, the report they are to deliver to Commonwealth heads of government later this summer would almost certainly lead to renewed demands for economic sanctions.

Botha's reply was received shortly before the group began two days of talks in London this week. Talks that included secret contacts with a special South African emissary, Carl von Hirschberg, the deputy director-general for foreign affairs. The reply is being kept private, but the fact that the group decided at their London meeting to make a return visit implies Botha has indicated he wants to co-operate - although it is unclear whether he is just stringing them along. The South Africans have, in fact, already met some of the group's requirements. The state of emergency has been lifted, pass laws have been scrapped and Botha has been dropping ambiguous hints about offering an amnesty to ANC members who are "not Communists". But Mandela remains a sucking point. Botha is understood to want to see him released but wants him to renounce violence first. He would have difficulty in getting his recalcitrant right-wingers to accept anything less. Botha also wants to make sure that if Mandela is released the Commonwealth will

guarantee there will be no new sanctions. The group is understandably wary about making any such commitment. The Commonwealth would almost certainly not agree to such a pledge. Furthermore, members of the group are concerned that Botha may be trying to play them along as he did the five-nation western "contact group" in Namibia to buy time for an internal settlement with tribal leaders "moderate" urban blacks, coloured and Indian parliamentarians. It is nine years since the "contact group" was set up, yet a Namibian settlement remains as elusive as ever. The eminent persons have no desire to be in business beyond the summer when the Commonwealth is due to consider their report. Suggestions from the South Africans that the group should take on a longer-term role as honest broker will be resisted. However, if they were to succeed in producing Mandela's release there would be a lot of pressure for them - or at least some members - to remain in the brokering business. The British would want it. So would the Americans. As one American diplomat observed: "The Commonwealth initiative is the only show in town at present."

Sarah Hogg Wheels within summits

The most embarrassing word in the vocabulary of this weekend's summit is "summit". I do not mean simply that the annual business of summitry is a most uneconomical process, though the sheer numbers of security guards, journalists and cameramen can sometimes make it feel like the most unproductive work-creation scheme in the industrial world. The real embarrassment is the obvious preference of the summitiers for talking about anything other than economics. The heads of government of the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada - with the president of the European Commission along for the ride - are assembling in Tokyo for a meeting that will bring this series of world economic summits to a round close. On more than one occasion, it has been discreetly suggested that the "economic" label should be dropped; it did, indeed, nearly disappear with the last summit hosted by the Americans in 1983. Ironically, that was just about the last summit to take an economic initiative: at Williamsburg it was agreed, to shut up President Mitterrand, that an exceedingly protracted study of the international monetary system should be carried out by a group of officials from finance ministries. Rather to everyone's surprise, this group's sublimely unprovocative report coincided with a change in attitude towards exchange-rate management and is now seen as an important stepping-stone to today's currency co-operation. At the London summit in 1984 the economic label was firmly back in place, to be almost equally firmly ignored. This summit saw the full development of technique of tossing out "declarations" on the first day in order to keep the journalistic wolves away from statesmen's sledges. The "declaration of democratic values" has faded quietly into diplomatic history; but at least it looked a little fresher than the London economic communiqué, which Mrs Thatcher found so tedious that she edited it before reading it out. The summitiers who met in Bonn last summer did, to be fair, manage to work up a genuine economic quarrel over the international trade negotiations proposed by President Reagan. But this was as much a reflection of French pique as of fundamental economic differences. This year, too, the summitiers have plenty to disagree about in economic affairs: the pattern of exchange rates, interest rates and trade imbalances. And for once, the lowlier members of the summit club - Italy and Canada - have a real economic gripe, and

have not simply come along to appear in the family photographs. They want to be included in the "Group of Five" finance ministers of the bigger economies that has been half-managing the exchange-rate system since last September. Once again, however, the attention of the summitiers will be mainly focused elsewhere. A senior British "sherpas" - one of those officials who hold as many as four mini-summits of their own preparing the ground for their leaders - gave the game away last week. Asked whether it was not time that the economic label was dropped, he replied stoutly that all governments were determined to revive the economic purpose of the summits, and that politics would effectively be kept to the teatime. Asked a moment later about a key point in connection with currency and interest-rate management, he replied equally briskly that this could safely be left to the meetings of finance ministers (who accompany their leaders to fill in the occasional gaps in their economic knowledge). The serious question, of course, is whether this touring force should be brought to the end of its run. The traditional defence of summits is that, no matter what heads of government talk about, the real and lasting benefit is the familiarity a two-day meeting gives them with each other. On this view, indeed, the less there is of real importance to talk about, the better. A second defence is that there is still value in obliging heads of government to subscribe to a platitudinous but virtuous economic communiqué once a year, even if they spend the two preceding days chatting about other things. For example, summit governments' resistance to protectionist pressures can, for what it is worth, be attributed in part to their leaders' obligation to retake the free-trade pledge at every summit. Even this sounds apologetic - but there is a less obvious and rather better defence, of particular validity this year. It is not easy for these seven world leaders to convene ad hoc summits on particular issues - such as the bombing of Libya, or the questions now hanging over the world nuclear industry - without elevating them from a diplomatic problem to an international crisis. It is convenient to have an annual occasion at which these can be aired. On this view, the farce of economic concerns is actually useful, as a smokescreen for other matters. And if world leaders are obliged by the conventions of summitry to break off their exciting dinner-table talk in order to learn about the world economy - well, maybe that does no harm, either.

Philip Howard

You grunted, Empress?

Oink-oink. Grunt. Man-hoo-o-o-ey. I am not really much of a reading boar. But the swineherd who runs this bottom right-hand sty of the farmyard on alternate Saturdays has asked me to review a book published today: A History of the British Pig by Julian Wiseman (Duckworth, £12.95). He seems a pig-loving sort of chap, and the name Hog-ward suggests that he is in the hogging business. So I have agrunted. My name? Wrekin. Napoleon of the Prince, actually, if you want a title in the byline to lend distinction to your rag. You have heard of my mother, the Empress of Blandings. Famous old Black Berkshire sow. Still holds the world record for having won the silver medal in the Fat Pigs class for 10 years from the 87th to the 97th annual Shropshire Agricultural Show. The mater's getting on a bit now, of course. Between you and me, she's pretty well gaga. But the poor old porca still lives it up in style in the dower sty. Keeps on her major domo, or as we pigs say, more elegantly I think, major harve. Daddling oink, fool called George Cyril Well-fool. As far as I can remember he was a doddering old fool even when I was a piglet. Well, the first thing I want to say about this book on the most interesting subject in the world is that pigs have had a poor human press. Not much in literature and painting, and then usually malicious, as in Orwell's book and yet pigs have a heroic past. There was the prodigious Erymanthian boar, who had to perform 12 superporcine labours. His fourth labour was so to terrify a monstrous king called Eurystheus that he hid himself in a brazen vessel for several days. In our epic poem called The Pigiad the hero presently scars a minor character called Odysseus while hunting him, and a wicked witch called Circe changes pigs into humans. Scandinavian and Celtic myth, and painters like the Bruegels, show pigs in a heroic light. The human stereotype of pigs as dirty and greedy is ignorant. We were the third animal to be domesticated by man, after the dog and the sheep, as early as the neolithic age. If you give us a separate sleeping compartment in our sty, we never dirty that. After all, we are the cleanest, most intelligent of domestic animals. O. Hambone, what a falling off was there, from that golden age when pig and man lived together as heroic brothers and rivals. This book traces the sorry story. The

trouble arises from man's cannibal inclinations. Pig was considered meat for the working classes, inferior to venison, beef and mutton. This may explain why there is so little about us in human art and literature. And because what mattered for the workers was quantity not quality, humans bred us into masses of obesity to feed them through the winter. There is heroism as well as tragedy in this book. I think of the portrait of old Penelope Blandings in 1809: grand Old English sow; distant cousin, of course. At the age of four she weighed 12cwt, and dwarfs the puny Regency gent standing beside her, which is just a bit even by mother's standards. The book traces recent developments: the demand for



leaner meat; the bloody Dames; and the emergence of new breeds such as the Camorough, the Polstead, and the Lincoln Curly Coat, sexy little thing. The chapter on how the Black Berkshire lost its white extremities you may omit. It is somewhat too sensational. The book is hopelessly anthropocentric. But what do you expect from a man but a grunt? Its bias will be corrected by the book, with the working title of A History of the British Human, being written by my cousin Tusker. In the mean time, this book fills a gap in the trough. There is of course Whittle's On The Care of the Pig, with its noble chapter about swill and brass-nash. Disease in Pigs and British Pigs are well known. This new recruit is welcome. Its scholarship is sound though blinkered. The pictures are rousing, and it tastes delicious. [A sort of gully, gurgly, ploppy, squishy, wofflesome sound, like a thousand eager men drinking soup in a foreign restaurant.]

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THE ARTS

Television
Ealing's
virtues
and vices

In a long and affectionate egle, *Omaibus* (BBC1) examined the output of the Ealing Film Studios during the great black and white years before they were sold to the BBC, the wavel, if you like, that the BBC never had. Roland Keating's competent catalogue of more than 20 films made between 1932 and 1955 (including *Kind Hearts and Coronets*, *The Cruel Sea* and *The Lavender Hill Mob*) showed Ealing's many moods and faces: from the melodramatic queen of the early days, to the avant-garde expressionist who took subversive shape under the eyes of the Brazilian documentary maker, Cavalcanti, to the anarchic eroticist of Robert Hamer's creation.

The one constant was Michael Balcon, who looked like a head waiter and ran the studios as if they were a minor public school. Every spool that left them bore the print, for good or ill, of his "puritanical paternalism" ("I do think he knew how babies were made", said one of his directors acidly); his Britishness (mischievously underlined by Keating in a sequence of the coppers drunk on screen) and his passion for "the indigenous". It was probably for this reason that the critic Richard Winnington forgave Ealing its vices but not its virtues.

While the programme never satisfactorily elevated itself beyond the level of a sophisticated clip show (the choice of clips was faultless), it did incorporate some telling remarks from members of Balcon's close-knit team, though sadly not from Alec Guinness. "To be frivolous about something that is in some way deadly serious, that is genuine comedy", said Alexander Mackendrick in one of the few stabs at deciphering the Ealing hallmark. Among the more comic items was the revelation that the seagulls in the most famous sequence in *The Cruel Sea* were flying backwards.

Gardener's Calendar (Granada) also exuded an air of serious frivolity. The idea of taking a budding actress — in this case Hannah Gordon — and having her voice-over a programme of mildly but enthusiastic experts is just insane. Miss Gordon might as well be telling a fairy story full of Latin names for the peat she gets on her hands.

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Opera
Germany's leading tenor,
Rene Kollo, has at long last
sung his first Tannhäuser on
stage — and to great effect.
John Higgins reports from
the Grand Théâtre, Geneva

Performance
of power
and beauty

Out of reach: Stefania Toczyska as Venus in her orb, with
Rene Kollo below, in his stage debut as Tannhäuser

At the beginning of the season it looked as though the Geneva Opera had engaged a substantial slice of Bayreuth's non-singing cast of *Tannhäuser*. Gabriela Benackova had dropped out of Bayreuth's *Tannhäuser* early on and she too was to sing Elisabeth at Geneva.

Even more alarming was Rene Kollo's decision not to take on the title role, which he announced a matter of hours before the opening of the 1985 Festival to the well-publicized fury of Wolfgang Wagner. Kollo was also, no surprise, Geneva's *Tannhäuser*. All of which goes to prove, if proof were necessary, how small a pool of international singers opera houses have to trawl for the Wagner repertory. It is entered now only at the Intendant's own risk.

Well, Geneva may be missing Benackova, although they have an admirable substitute in the shape of Elizabeth Connell, but they do have Kollo. It is at the Grand Théâtre that the German tenor sings his first *Tannhäuser* on stage. And so he puts the lie to the predictions of the pessimists who claimed he would be heard in the role on disc only — he recorded the part with Solti back in 1971.

And a stirring performance he gives too, one of lyrical power and beauty. On stage Kollo sheds a good 20 years from his age and looks and sounds every inch the *Helidentenor*. It is possible that the success of Richard Vassalle's Bayreuth *Tannhäuser* spurred him on to the Geneva performance. If so, then we all have a debt to Mr Vassalle as well. At the start Kollo had to hoist his

voice up for the higher reaches of Tannhäuser's infatuation with Venus and his even greater determination to return to the green grass of the Wartburg Valley. But the vocal channels quickly cleared to loose the true heroic timbre. The *Romerzählung*, that lengthy passage relating how the Pope turned down Tannhäuser for absolution, is the one that makes most tenors think six times before tackling the part. But it found Kollo in peak form, lacking nothing in stamina and carrying everything in religious despair.

In the central act, visually the only successful one of the three, his *Tannhäuser* allows passion to separate him from the other knights. The stage presence speaks of the early training in opera: an ease of manner and diction. Kollo's *Tannhäuser* is a romantic and individualist by dress and manner in the too, too solid court of the Landgraf (impressively declaimed by Alfred Mauß). It is all too clear why he is prepared to part company with his fellow minstrel knights. But Kollo is careful not to spread the concept of *Tannhäuser*, the outsider, too thickly on this interpretation, which is as carefully conceived as it is gloriously sung.

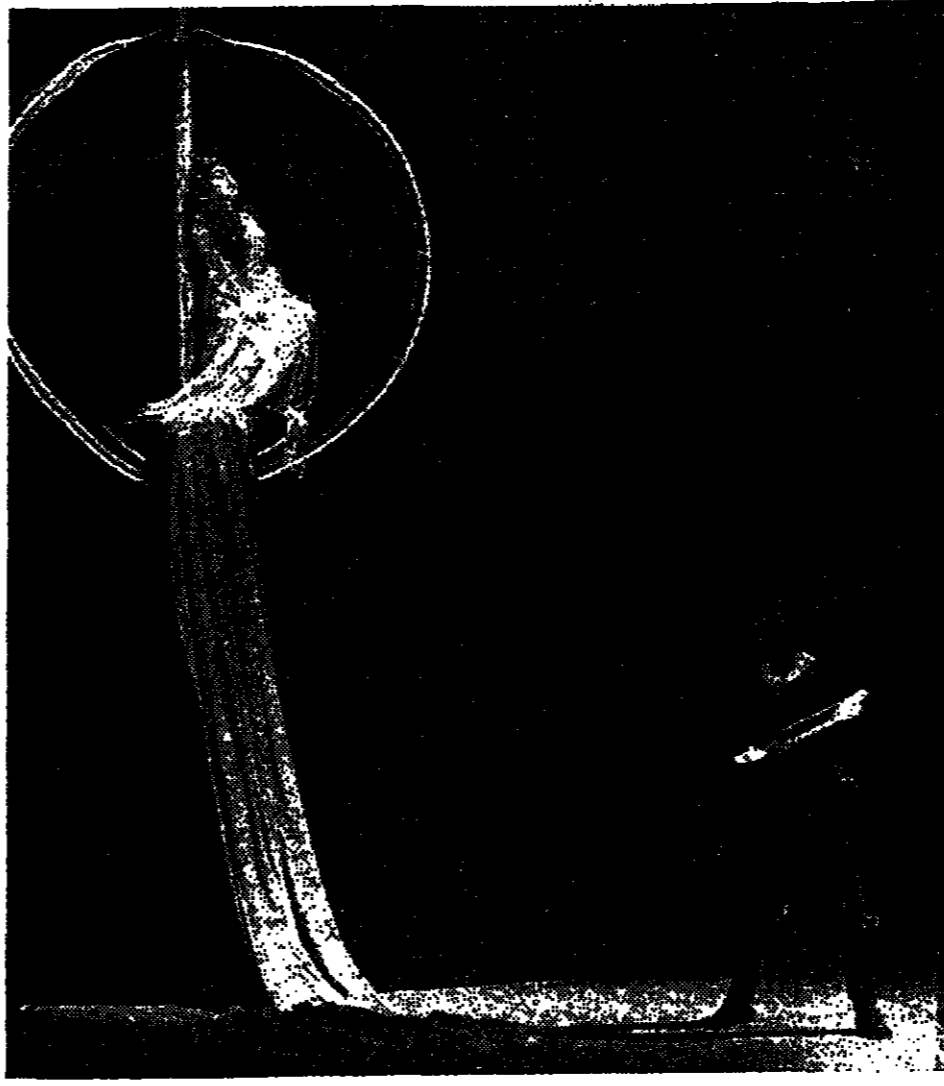
Wolfgang Schön's Wolfram is rich enough in baritone, but he comes across as a dull fellow and chill one too, even in the address to his star of eve, "O du mein holder Abendstern". The other courtiers are a strangely mixed bunch physically. The lures of Tannhäuser's two ladies are much more evident. Elizabeth Connell may lack the impetu-

ousness and spontaneity for that other Elisabeth, the Landgraf's niece, but when it comes to the Act III prayer she offers up a sustained piece of soft legato singing to prove that she has entered into the core of this part.

Stefania Toczyska's Venus was there in the cast list from the beginning. She never gets within touching distance of Tannhäuser from her orb, suspended high over the stage, and has to toss down a train to make contact, much as Melisande lets loose her hair. But Mme Toczyska's mellow mezzo is quite capable of its own type of caress and she applies it with due voluptuousness. There is a notable cameo performance by Antoinette Faes as the shepherd boy: she is to be watched.

Venusberg in Ralph Koltai's design is an unenticing place. Venus's orb has a crude neon office, which might attract the punters on the Reeperbahn but would be off-putting even to a rebel knight. Assorted nipples projected on a back-stage screen testify weakly to Tannhäuser's temptations. The Dresden version is used, so there is no bachelard and the sirens are kept well off-stage.

The Wartburg Valley also fails to suggest why Tannhäuser loved it so much: from the circle it looked like three melon slices linked together and drably lit. The arrangement also caused the pilgrims to arrive at the shrine from various directions as though it were a popular rendez-vous rather than a staging post on the way to Rome. Anneta Stubbs's costumes were an improvement on all this, but



the Young Pilgrims at the close looked as though they had strayed in from the old ENO Ring. Yes, this is a rather dated visual view of *Tannhäuser*.

Geneva entrusted the production to Martha Galvin, a young American who has done a lot of work, both here and elsewhere, with Ken Russell. Fortunately, it is not a case of like master, like pupil. Miss Galvin appeared to have few designs on upsetting the bourgeoisie, instead she handled her chorus skilfully — pilgrim problems apart — and allowed her principals the chance to give of their best. With a better design team and more experience she will make strides.

Horst Stein, very much a local hero, seemed determined not to use *Tannhäuser* as an orchestral display piece as Sinopoli did at Bayreuth. The overture was bland and slow, likewise the prelude to Act II. But he is a thoughtful and serious accompanist to the singers and as the evening moved on allowed some of the scores' romanticism to show through.

Opera now has two new *Tannhäuser*s of class: Kollo and Vassalle. But where is the man — or woman — to stage it with full force? Four major European productions over the past couple of years — Paris (Szabo), London (Moshinsky), Bayreuth (Wolfgang Wagner) and now Geneva — have each had major weaknesses. Maybe it is not the Rome narration which is the real bogey but fading someone to make *Tannhäuser* speak to the Eighties.

Theatre
Rare airing for
a bohemianBaal
Almeida

The middle passage of the Leicester Haymarket Studio Company's three-week stay in Islington sees them taking on Brecht's first play in a new, fairly free translation by Christopher Logue. Written in 1918 when the future *enfant terrible* was barely out of his teens, and heavily revamped four years later, the piece remains a rarely-aired literary curiosity.

As he demonstrated with *War Music*, a reinterpretation of the *Iliad* (and also dramatized at the Almeida), Mr Logue is highly adept at providing "versions" of works in foreign languages in which he is less than expert. Here he has judiciously pollarded some of the original's more cumbersome growths, and his gift for imagery has been given free rein.

However pruned and primped, *Baal* is less of a play than a succession of Expressionist exercises, each announced by individual players in familiar placard style (as in "Personal Relations II") and only loosely assembling the life of its titular hero, a young poet of the old school much given to alcohol, fornication and lyrical spouting.

The songs which accompany the scene-changes in Nancy Meckler's well-measured production are sung by Agnes Bernelle, and I feel she should be credited in the programme.

The saving grace of this apostle of sensuality (played with fulsome reftish by Michael Bray) is that, unlike other elemental, panic protagonists such as Peer Gynt, Baal is not searching for anything beyond the ideal bohemianism of the early scenes: insulting the stuffed shirts who try to patronize him, publicly humiliating the bourgeoisie (Alexandra Mathie) who cling to his unwashed shirts, and receiving comubial visits from a pair of sexually magnetized sisters.

Turfed out of his garret for this last escapade, he proceeds to tramp the countryside with a scruffy composer (Stephen Jameson) in whose company he falls in with the usual Brechtian cast of simple but curiously articulate peasants who accept the hopelessness of their situation and even celebrate its liberating power. The social criticism implied in the story is a good deal less enticing than the attraction of witnessing a self-portrait of the unbuttoned young playwright singing for his supper.

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Martin Cropper

The Voyage Home
King's Head

One view of Virginia Woolf is that she was a decent if rather dull writer who discovered Joyce and went off her head; another view — taken here by the playwright Sylvia Freedman — is that she was a great novelist whose inspiration and drive were inseparable from the neurotic insecurity which ended in suicide.

This orthodox line has given birth to an excessively ordinary play resembling an animated Sunday review section; working overtime on exposition, the characters address one another and the audience in quotes from the letters and diaries of the self-absorbed, logorrheic Bloombergs.

The ambitious compression of 60 years (flashing before Virginia's drowning eyes) into less than two hours necessitates much doubling and tripling from a company of six. "Shh — Henry James has arrived" is the cue for George Duckworth (Douglas Bradley) to re-emerge equipped with case, scowl, and Mandarin sentences; a glance at the programme reassures the confused auditor that this is not, in fact, Clive Bell.

The casting of Patrick Kealey as both Leslie Stephen and Leonard Woolf seems to make more sense, at least to Freudians, but the only player to have a real stab at distinguishing his roles is Terrence Brown as a purring Lytton Strachey and a bumptious Arnold Bennett.

Joan Blackham gets a lot of mileage from Virginia's intense nervous frustration, and Andrew Harmon's production rises to a note of redemptive dignity, but somewhere at the back of the mind lingers the memory of a play called *Tom and Viv*.

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Concerts

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standing in for an indisposed Kurt Masur — secured a reasonably bright accompaniment.

It is a measure of Anne-Sophie Mutter's artistry that she was able to make something memorable out of Mozart's Violin Concerto No 5 in A (K219), which for all its many felicities is hardly the most wide-ranging concerto ever written. Still, it sounded anything but lightweight here.

Miss Mutter began rather tentatively (or so it seemed) but soon warmed to her task by the time she had reached the cadenza of the opening Allegro she was already making the art of violin-playing sound absurdly easy. Her first entry in the Adagio had a nonchalant and enchanting poise, and throughout she floated Mozart's pretty phrases on tone of the utmost sophistication — perhaps too sophisticated for the simple enough context, but beautiful on its own terms. The minuet-like Finale danced along with engaging lightness and assurance. Sir Yehudi Menuhin —

the third movement's manic march-rhythms) but they were hardly extreme.

The concert had begun with Mark Emme's "energy" — a *Fanfare for British Industry* for brass and timpani (conducted by its composer) followed by Britten's suavely written *Simple Symphony* for strings — a bizarre contrast if ever there was one. A string section of almost Mahlerian dimensions did nothing for the deft rhythms of the symphony's quicker passages; the long sighing phrases of the "Sentimental Saraband" came across much better.

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Radio

Heart-to-heart with the heavyweights

As an intimate medium, radio is often at its best with intimate situations and the current series *Six Men* (Radio 4, Sundays, repeating Fridays; producer, Liz Jensen) makes the point.

Anne Brown is conducting a half hour heart-to-heart per week with six notable men (Enoch Powell, John McVicar, Terry Waite so far) and she is making a pretty good job of it. In this epoch when, apart from a few major structural details, men and women are known to be fundamentally identical, her excellence nevertheless springs to some extent from the fact that she is a woman

talking to men. There is none of the all-boys-togetherness, that so often seems to operate when male meets male and sometimes barely conceals a long streak of aggression.

One of my colleagues thought Ms Brown's questions bold. So they are and fruitfully so, although I think she could occasionally ask fewer of them. But that's a minor criticism: indeed her interview with Enoch Powell was quite remarkable.

It is a common belief that intellect and emotion are opposed to one another, a view which in my opinion is a fallacy — no one defends a position with more passion, not to say unreason, than your intellectual. That is the method of Indian Tales from the Raj (Radio 4, Sunday, repeating Monday; producer, Zareer Massani) and the comparison with Michael Mason's celebrated *Plain Tales from the Raj* is instructive.

First heard in 1974, the latter were plain only because they nicely echoed Kipling. In fact the programmes were full of Mason artifice. Mr Massani's production relies on interviews and narrative alone, but they are enough. Where *Plain Tales* told of the India of the sahibs this records the memories of those who served them. They describe a relationship characterized at its best by humanity and understanding, in its middle reaches by many small and large humiliations, at its worst by intolerance and brutality.

Will radio be driven to economy more than it already is? In Kaleidoscope's view of

this years Sony radio awards (Monday) presenter David Roper, and his producer, Richard Bannerman wisely took the view that an hour's live coverage of the ceremony that same afternoon — not only by Radio 4, but by several independent stations as well — was probably enough, so Nick Higham and Gillian Reynolds were invited to speculate on the future of sound broadcasting.

It was at times a spirited but not a very optimistic discussion which pointed out that radio remains without powerful friends and so might find itself diluted and its capacity for excellence, so well proved that afternoon, rapidly eroded in the name of a free for all.

The pulpit Sony awards are one, very nearly the one attempt to work against that possibility by showing that radio is worth a bit of a song and dance. This year, howev-

guished not just by being live, but by doing something that may have made a deep impression of the power of radio on those present.

Piers Plowright's superlative feature, *Setting Sail*, deservedly won the documentary/feature prize and we heard its closing moments when Alison Waley described her husband Arthur's death. Usually such excerpts, little chunks devoid of context, give the audience the fidgets. This time a one woman commanded instant silence and produced a sudden and complete enchantment. Unfortunately the BBC's broadcast version, in the interests of something or another, kept dodging out of the ceremony to give us longer excerpts from fewer winners and so missed this magical moment.

David Wade

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A weekly guide to leisure, entertainment and the arts

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His star dish is sea bass, skinned, with pastry fins and tail scales, baked to a shimmering shade of old gold

Clement Freud goes behind the scenes at Ninety Park Lane, our restaurant of the year

Eleven times a week the cast of 50 put on their stunning performance for an audience of around 70. Janice, a jewel among receptionists, greets the guests and leads them to their tables; appetizers appear — slivers of smoked salmon rolled around a mousseline of John Dory topped with an asparagus tip dressed with a cream sauce. Enter stage right the menu — large and white and shiny — novel in content — and the splendidly comprehensive wine list and the show is on the road. The chairman has a table tonight and is bringing his family. The Queen Mother came earlier this year and no one panicked, no one will panic.

Ninety Park Lane is a restaurant of rare professionalism. It is what the French call "sérieux" and it is right that one should bring in the French because the inspiration behind the success of the place comes from an archetypal maître chef: Louis Outhier, who created from a journeyman restaurant on the outskirts of Cannes one of the most consistently excellent Michelin three star eating houses in France, which means the world. Outhier is the consultant chef to Ninety Park Lane.

But while Outhier inspires the ethos, the guiding genius behind success is Vaughan Archer, born 32 years ago in Uttoxeter, school-leaver at 15 without a CSE, to his name apprentice cook at the old North Staffordshire Hotel in Stoke, where Stanley Matthews once asked me to join him for lunch and said he could recommend the corned beef salad. At 19 he answered an advertisement in *Caterer and Hotelkeeper*, came to London on an away-day ticket, was interviewed by the head chef at the Grosvenor House, asked how he made a fillet de sole, *bonne femme*... and was told he could have the job provided he could start on Monday. He was there for three years, left worked at a string of other hotels and just before he and a friend decided to open a hostelry of their own in Hertfordshire, the Grosvenor House bought him back.



Staff from The Times restaurant of the year: sous chef Philippe Reuniger, manager Sergio Rebecchi, executive chef Vaughan Archer, and sous chefs James Greer and Simon Traynor

He is maître chef des cuisines and Ninety Park Lane is his showcase. A quiet likeable man, he worries a lot and smokes a bit, drinks Perrier water, and has a barrister-to-be wife, currently eating her dinners at Gray's Inn; they have a three-year-old son who is deeply interested in food. Now I have known chefs who shouted and chefs who sweated, chefs who minced around their clientele like frustrated impresarios; drunken chefs and chefs so soberly religious that they said "Oh dear" when the fat pan caught fire. One chef told me that each morning he shook hands with each of his staff as he said "Bonjour Jacques."

Alors Claude. Comment-va Henri? One felt he was doing it more for himself than for his workforce. Nothing like that about Chef Archer. He gets to work, takes stock, composes holiday schedules, reads letters from aspiring chefs in search of prestigious jobs, looks around the refrigerators, and then goes on his daily round of meetings with heads of department, line managers, financial controllers and others who make up the command of a ship in the Trusthouse Forte (THF) fleet. Because for all its eclecticism, Ninety Park Lane is a corporate establishment. This has its drawbacks — and advantages. Not for this chef the dawn raid on Billingsgate, the bangle of Smithfield, the search for gold among the greenery of Covent Garden. Chef Archer leaves his buying instructions on the answering machine of the company's purchasing manager, and the food arrives in the THF van at daybreak, to be translated to great heights, not normally identified with a corporate image.

Mr Archer has a staff of three dozen, in white, working in two shifts. He is the inspiration and the driving force, hirer and firer of personnel, and at the age of 32, the oldest member of the team by some four years. Indeed, what is so amazingly admirable about Ninety Park Lane is that near-perfection has been achieved by a team of such young people. Around him and behind him young men and women sweat into starched white jackets performing their exacting tasks; all are important; none are indispensable. He employs potential, never achievement; he looks for motivation and the right approach in his staff... people who say "I'll try that", rather than "No, it's not on the menu."

Unlike the new breed of master cooks, Vaughan Archer did not rise through the pâtisserie, yet pastry plays a critical part in his armoury. Perhaps his star dish is a sea bass, skinned, preened with herbs, parcelled in short pastry fashioned to look like its inhabitant. The crust is decorated with fins and tail scales, washed in egg glaze and baked to a shimmering shade of old gold. It comes to table on its dish, with a sauceboat of hollandaise spiked with tomato and another bearing concasse of tomato flavoured with spice. A turnip, carved like a rose, blushed by beetroot juice sits in attendance. As "trouley" is a word they do not use in nice restaurants, Ninety Park Lane has a *caravanne des desserts*, and if you think that sounds prezen-

tious or theatrical, you must observe Martin Chadwick, the driver of the caravan who has a smooth line in pater as he trundles his tall round vehicle between the tables. "A cream of sweet chestnut and liqueurs with a hint of praline set in a crisp pastry shell and flecked with candied meringue. I can tell you in confidence that this is the restaurant manager's preferred dessert", he says. David Frost, who eats no puddings, calls upon Martin to do his act just for the joy of it, and the restaurant manager (he who eats the alcoholic mont blanc) passes by now and then and murmurs "rein it in Martin". In his defence, the five-foot vehicle, topped by a

shiny alcoholic summer pudding, deserves enthusiasm. Vaughan Archer bears in mind the THF accountants' wish of £3.60 worth of ingredients for every £10 on the bill, but he would not make an issue of it. A passing salad for table 16 is adorned by him with a quail's egg that has spent a week in the company of truffles in a Kilner jar; it is then softly boiled and peeled. He cuts it in half, speckles it with a sauce mouseline. If a dish takes a long time to prepare, he sends in a skewer of crayfish and thinly sliced courgette, brushed with Japanese sesame oil. As for concern, one sees nothing else. Sergio Rebecchi manages

the restaurant; Italian he, from Parma in the north, married to an Irish lady from Co Meath, lives in a north London suburb, and has a greenhouse where he grows basil and chives and tarragon for his own kitchen. He is elegant, quiet, authoritative, invisible if all goes well. He talks about "our style of clientele" and is quietly apprehensive of the Saturday-nighters who eat smoked salmon and steak when they might have a consommé of langoustine with fish quenelles and coriander and lemon grass, followed by slices of duck breast with its own glaze, and sesame seeds. "A poor restaurant team can spoil a great chef; we try to enhance him", says Sergio. He talks of Vaughan as a thinking chef, and in the traditional war between the two factions he supports the kitchen staff against the waiters. Even that war has lost the sharpness of my day when cooks worked against waiters — and everyone hated the customer.

There is no star system in Vaughan Archer's kitchen; the shifts come and work and eat and go and the quality of the food retains its consistency. Who did this? you ask, admiring a coffee sauce that languishes around a fillet of lamb? It could be Joe or William... and turns out to be Denise, aged 22, a Trusthouse Forte trainee chef, passing through here on her way to the social whirl of Hanover's motor show, Edinburgh's Commonwealth Games, Henley and Ascot, where she will do her sixth-month stint of outside catering.

She comes from Lincolnshire, mum is a teacher, dad in the air force; Denise does not want her own restaurant but to run a kitchen, be a chef, have her name embroidered on her white chef's jacket, wear a taller chef's hat. She does not smile much, sweats just like the other chefs, only feels "different" when they talk about what they do on their days off, and cannot wait to get back to the chequered fillet of beef that is to be served in a sauce of young shallots and Brouilly. On Sunday, Ninety Park Lane is closed. Sergio is home

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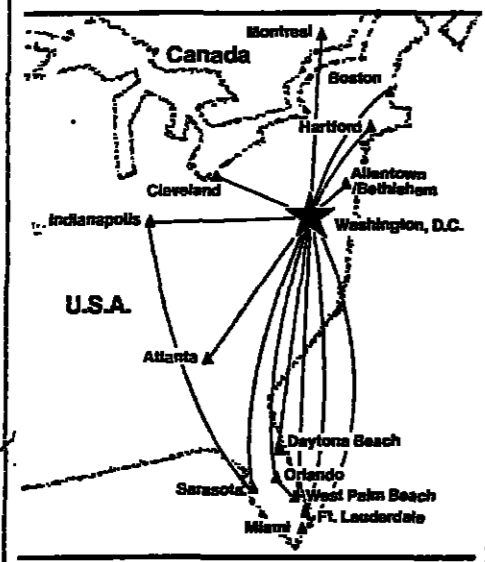
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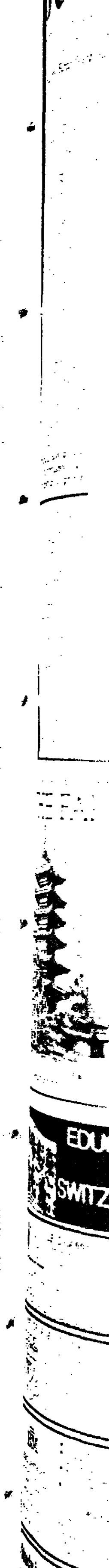
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TRAVEL

Edited by Shona Crawford Poole

Jewel in the crown of the Caribbean

Jamaica, God's fair isle, is no longer the exclusive playground of the rich. Barry Branford samples its delights

Ton-Ton, man about my house in the hills was making a snack of ackee on toast. A change from saltfish. The racing results were coming in from Caymanas Park, punctuated by the football results from home.

Across the road at Cardiff Hall, Eletha, Peter Finch's widow was doing the garden with rhythmic swings of the cutliss. Somewhere a claphands church was rocking. Down below a posse of local "dreads" were "stepping" to a roadside rumba-dub session.

I had a last dip in the pool at my aptly-named Sol-Y-Mei, reached for a beer and cooled out on the terrace to watch the sun set across a carpet of pine, palm and poinciana to Runaway Bay - not far from where Christopher Columbus had the genius to discover the place.

Saturday evening was a good time to be in Jamaica. And Saturday night had yet to come. That island in the sun sung about by Beethoven, composed in by Coward, swash-buckled around by Flynn, a magnet to royal and common

A tropical apocalypse of a hinterland - a crazy canvas of green

cosmopolitan, is arguably the most beautiful in the world. And now the strength of the pound and weakness of the Jamaican dollar has put "God's fair isle", once the exclusive playground of the rich, within easy reach of the Algarve set.

In simple terms it means that you can go into a bar in Montego Bay, order a Red Stripe and a rum, and come out with change from a pound. Or get away with lobster for two - for a tenner.

Outside the high season (three or four months from mid-December) organizations like JAVA (Jamaica Association of Villas and Apartments) are packaging luxury fortnights for less than £600 a head.

Jamaica is big (about 145 miles by 50) and beautiful enough to cater to every taste - with most of the tastiest morsels on the coast. The sun beats down at a steady 80F. But that is only part of the picture. What really makes Jamaica the jewel in the Caribbean, is a tropical apocalypse of a hinterland - a crazy canvas of green.

Coconut palms, bananas, giant cotton trees, poinsettia, hibiscus, bougainvillea round one corner. Pure Constable country the next. With names that trip off the tongue: Barbecue Bottom, Buckup, and Wait-A-Bit. A place where Newmarket is in Cornwall and Manchester in Middlesex.

The whole island is animated by a mobile, manic, never-ending roadshow. Mini-buses scattering squawking fugitives from the local cock-fight and goats fattening for the pot. Girls giggling. Clap-hands churches rocking true Jamaican style. Rasta men reasoning. Old men on donkeys and old ladies who address you as "mistress".

Make up your own roadside menu as you go along. Depending on parish and season you can pick from mangoes, melons, oranges, pineapples, papaw and pears. Roast yam, corn, or breadfruit. Peppered shrimps, patties, curried goat (give the manish water a miss), fish tea (soup) or jerk pork (a spicy delicacy sold by the pound, pricey but worth it). Wash it all down with fresh coconut water from a coconut decapitated on the spot, Red Stripe, or my preferred "red top" (McEwans Strong Ale - very strong).

To enjoy the great Jamaica roadshow and reach the spectacular parts most visitors hardly hear about you need a car, but rental is still expensive in Jamaica, so shop around for a discount.

Arriving in wicked old Kingston can have its advantages. Like sipping coffee on the balcony of the luxurious



Street life and shady deals: travelling around Jamaica is a never-ending roadshow, but beaches like this one at the Runaway Bay Hotel on the north coast (top) are havens of peace

Jamaica Pegasus Hotel, in the shadow of the mountains it comes from. If they know you are coming you might find your personalized gold-embossed matches awaiting.

It's the place to "do" Kingston from - with its galleries, gardens, ghettos, Gun Court, golf, racing, reggae, restaurants, and raucous street life. But make sure you stock up with additional goodies from its supermarkets before head-

ing for the hills and if your destination is on the North Coast 60 or so scenic miles away.

If Port Antonio is your permanent port-of-call then join the club. Errol Flynn (whose widow, Patrice, combines beef and boutiques there by way of business) couldn't resist it - nor could recent converts such as Peter O'Toole.

There are mandatory activi-

ties like rafting on the Rio Grande (costly), visiting great houses, Blue Holes, and blue marlin fishing tournaments.

Tea at the Trident. One of the most discreet hotels in the world, where they fly in the fillet mignon, peacocks strut a turf that would put Wembley to shame, and if the Imperial suite (good enough for the Vanderbilts and Norfolks) fails to satisfy, there's always the chateau - or castle.

A dip at Frenchman's Cove - the great watering hole of the pre-Jet Set and my candidate for the most beautiful beach in the world. Small, exclusive, tucked away behind acres of manicured lawns split by an emerald river meandering from mountain to sea.

Dining by floodlit waterfall at the Ruins restaurant

Sunset at Bonnie View, which is what it says. A hotel which seems to be perched on top of the world - with a Doctor Bird's view of the old banana plantations, twin harbours and translucent waters of Port Antonio.

My white mansion in the hills at Runaway Bay was typical of what JAVA offers. Air-conditioned, three bedrooms (with bath and dressing room en suite), cook, housekeeper, pool, terrace, and majestic balcony, set in two acres of palm and pine - with

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There is not much missing from the Ocho Rios repertoire of watersports: well-stocked shops and bars, places to visit (historic houses and sights), explosions of night-life and the spectacular Ruins restaurant where you dine by floodlit waterfall.

Wherever you are in Jamaica keep your cool and your cigarettes out of sight. The national sport is Beg You Cigarette Sir. You will be offered a well-known local brand with monotonous regu-

larity. Unwise to accept. Heathrow customs positively froth at the mouth when the planes from in from Kingston. But it does have its compensations. Officials who eyed and smelled my treasured stock of Studio One records turned an embarrassed blind eye to the odd bottle of Jamaican coffee liqueur when they found nothing more incriminating than vintage compressed vinyl.

TRAVEL NOTES

Gerald Harper runs JAVA from PO Box 298, Ocho Rios, Jamaica (Ocho Rios 374 2500). British Airways "Early Saver" flies you there seven days a week for £375 return either via Miami or direct to Kingston via Sun, and Kingston via Montego Bay on Wed and Sat. The Jamaica Tourist Board is at 50 St James's Street, London SW1 (01-493-9007). For information on the Trident Hotel contact Windotel at 149 Sloane Street, London SW1 (01 730-7144).

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So if you are going to the Caribbean and you do not know which island to pick, you can ring the changes on the cheap. British Airways represent Liat here and if, at first, you do not succeed in

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A low view of high-flying oil prices

Leading tour operators are using the oil companies to cut the price of aviation fuel. One company, Horizon Holidays, has predicted that there could be "massive" increases in holiday prices next year if the cost of fuel is not reduced in line with the lower crude-oil price.

Mr Sidney Perez, chairman of the Influential Tour Operators' Study Group (TOSG), whose members account for more than 70 per cent of the package holiday market, maintains that the oil companies are holding on to "excess" profits and keeping the price of holidays high.

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OUT AND ABOUT

Where Heaven meets Hell in splendour



Nigel Andrew lays bare the naked attractions and treasures of an Elizabethan giant

The first view of Burghley looks more like a small town than a house. It's the roof line that does it. Towers and pinnacles, gables, turrets, obelisks and clusters of columns. This is the extraordinary spectacle that greets you as you approach across the park - nicely sprinkled with deer and sheep.

Anyone who, like me, has been foolish enough to walk the 1 1/2 miles to Burghley from Stamford after a heavy lunch at The George, will be glad to pause and take a good look at this grand Elizabethan exterior, which has remained unchanged since it was built by William Cecil, the first Lord Burghley. He was Queen Elizabeth's Lord Chancellor and a prime example of how to make money out of the law: this little pied-a-terre is one of four houses he built.

A grand - a very grand - Elizabethan house, then. But the interior is a different story, most of it having been transformed by Cecil's descendant, the Fifth Earl of Exeter, a lover of all things Italian. From 1680 onwards, he turned room after room from austere Elizabethan to exuberant Baroque, assisted by the modish Neapolitan painter Antonio Verrio.

It is largely thanks to Verrio that Burghley now offers such a succession of breathtaking interiors. His masterpiece, the Heaven Room, is one of the finest painted rooms anywhere - the ceilings and walls completely covered with a riot of "Gods and Goddesses" and "Gods and Goddesses" are wont to do", to quote a 19th-century guidebook.



High and mighty: an architectural wonder of turrets, pinnacles and gables on Burghley House's west front, and (right) one of the fine woodcarvings

Mythological figures spill out from all angles, cascade towards the floor, gaze down on us mortals or appear unnervefully over our shoulders, all emoting wildly and exposing lots of succulent flesh.

The counterpart to the Heaven Room, the Hell Staircase, never quite came off. Verrio, not one to take Hell very seriously, finished only the ceiling before taking off for Hampton Court. It was left to Thomas Stothard, a century later, to cover the walls in suitable gloomy style. But the staircase itself is a wonderfully light creation.

Burghley is also thick with portraits. The art collection, particularly of Italian Baroque, is extraordinarily rich, and every wall is densely hung with pictures, set off by beautifully carved wood (Grinling Gibbons worked here).

The Elizabethan house survives in the Old Kitchen and the Great Hall. It is a huge vaulted kitchen, with an array of massive copper serving dishes. The Great Hall has a wonderful high double-hammer-beam roof, all a world away from Verrio's extravagances. This Great Hall should also have a gigantic solid silver wine cooler, but along with various other items from Burghley, it was lent to the great exhibition of English country house treasures in Washington D. C. and has yet to return. That is one of the penalties of being the sort of treasure house Burghley is. Even the fireplaces have solid silver fittings!

But the embarrassment of riches also means that there are huge reserves to draw on for special exhibitions, and at present there is a fascinating display of scientific instruments collected by the 10th Earl at the turn of the nineteenth century. This quietly ticking room is well worth a browse on the way out.

Burghley House is still, happily, occupied by a branch of the Cecil family. It has no fewer than 240 rooms, of which the hour-long guided tours take in 18. After which, you will be ready for tea in the Orangery (designed by Capability Brown), where you can look out over the formal gardens and collect yourself. Believe me, you will need to.

ABOUT TOWN

Stamford is one of the loveliest small towns in England. Even without Burghley House on its outskirts, it is well worth visiting. Everything is built of stone and miraculously unspoilt. There are fine old houses, beautiful streetscapes and marvellous churches - St Martin's with its two grand Cecil monuments, All Saints with its angel roof, St Mary's with its superb exterior. There are atmospheric old pubs, including The Millstone on All Saints Street, and St Mary's Vanits on St Mary's Street.

The premier hostelry, The George, has a superb restaurant, and there are many other good places to eat. Quality butchers and delicatessens

abound. John Sinclair's is the largest of several antique shops and the Ratland Book shop in Cheyne Lane has an interesting second-hand stock. Tucked away in Stamford Walk, a shopping mall created out of the old Stamford Hotel, is the Coffee Cup cafe.



A bridge with history: the old town of Burghley

Brown's Hospital on Pound Street is a beautiful medieval almshouse. The town museum has a life-sized figure of Daniel Lambert, who weighed 52 stone 11 lbs, and lived and died in Stamford. Even the railway station - built like a miniature castle - is a delight.

Burghley House, Stamford, Lincs (0780 52451) is open until Oct 5 every day from 11am to 5pm. Closed Sept 6. "All in" tickets £2.90, children £1.60.

Blackheath Village Fayre: Traditional village fair with pony tricks, Morris dancers, competitions, miniature train and bus rides. Cream teas, barbeque and a children's corner. Blackheath Lane, Blackheath, near Guildford, Surrey. Further information, Robin May (0483 893 625), Mon, from 2pm. Admission and car park free.

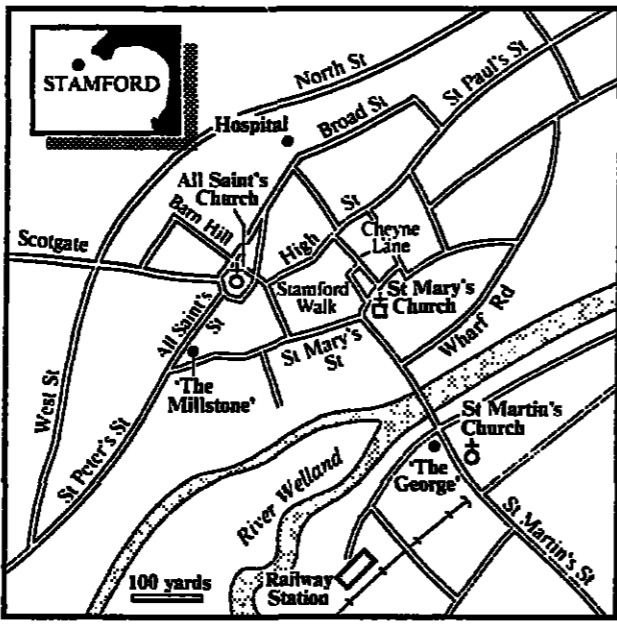
Avoncroft Museum of Buildings, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire (0527 81 363). Tomorrow and Mon, 11am-5.30pm. Adult £1.75, child 80p.

Spalding Flowers and Floats: A colourful street parade with 15 floats and 10 marching bands followed by a static exhibition of floats, stalls and a craft tent. Spalding, Lincolnshire. Details: (0773 48403). Parade today from 1.30pm. Free exhibition at Sir Halley Stewart Field, today-Tues, 10am-5pm. Admission today, Mon, Tues, adult £1, child free; tomorrow adult £4.

Garden Festival: Flower shows, personalities and a playground for children. Three Counties Showground, Malvern, Worcestershire (06 845 2751). Today 9am-7pm, tomorrow 10am-7pm, Mon 10am-5pm. Adult £2, child 25p.

Country Craft Fayre: 100 craftsmen and 84 stalls with many demonstrations. Also maypole dancing, bands, Leeds Castle, Malton, North Yorkshire. Tomorrow, Mon, 11am-5pm. Fayre and castle grounds, adult £2.65, child £1.65.

Judy Froshaug



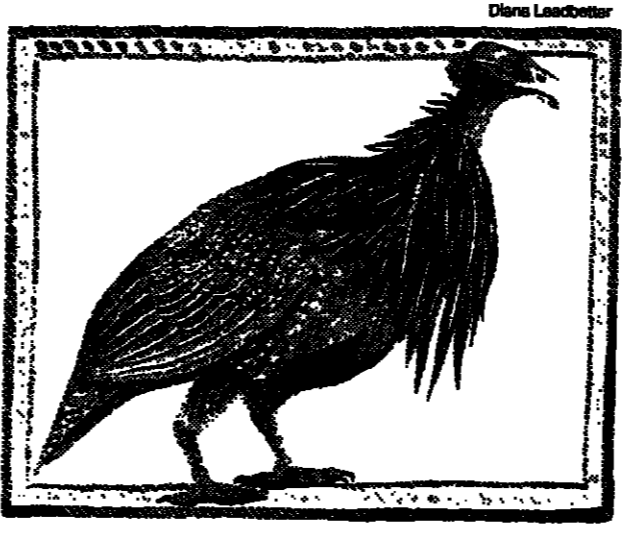
THE TIMES COOK

Shona Crawford Poole on how to keep roast birds moist Succulent stuffing for the fairest of fowl

If birds had dress sense the vulturine guinea fowl would be somewhere near the top of any best-dressed list. From the back it looks much like any other guinea fowl, a sober grey which at close range turns out to be black with white spots. Head-on it is a ravishing vision of curvaceously cut stripes of a blue so powerful that it appears to pulsate.

According to East Africa hands, vulturine guinea fowl are every bit as edible as their more soberly dressed cousins. Both score high on taste, but tend to be dry. Dense, lean flesh which dries easily when cooked is a characteristic which has not been bred out of guinea fowl reared for the table. Falling somewhere between domestic poultry and game, farmed guinea fowl are nonetheless more than fancy chickens and their year-round availability

fills the long gap between shooting seasons. These recipes also work well with pheasants and small chickens, which benefit from the flavour-bolstering treatments designed to retain succulence. Instead of stuffing the cavity of an oven-ready bird, the stuffing can be inserted between the skin and flesh of the breast and thighs. This not only ensures that roasted guinea fowl is moist, but gives it a pleasingly plump appearance.



Roast, stuffed guinea fowl Serves four 2 oven-ready guinea fowl 55g (2oz) butter 225g (8oz) leeks, finely shredded 450g (1lb) raw spinach, or 225g (8oz) cooked 170g (6oz) ricotta cheese 2 tablespoons finely chopped parsley Salt and freshly ground black pepper Freshly grated nutmeg

Using poultry shears the birds can be cut in halves as an alternative to carving in slices. Poaching is another technique which is particularly successful with guinea fowl and pheasants. A rich, homemade stock is essential. In an ideal kitchen it will be guinea fowl stock enriched with gelatine from veal or chicken bones. More likely, it will be rich chicken stock. Poached guinea fowl Serves two to three 1 oven-ready guinea fowl 2 litres (4 pints) good stock Salt Cayenne pepper 30g (1 oz) cold butter

Choose a pan or casserole deep enough to hold the bird submerged in stock without too much extra space. Bring the stock to a simmer, add the guinea fowl and cook it at the lowest of simmers for about 45 minutes. Take it out of the stock and drain it well. Reduce the stock by fast boiling until it is very strongly flavoured. Joint the guinea fowl, cutting the legs into two pieces each, and the breast into two or three pieces. Keep it warm in a preheated oven (140°C/275°F, gas mark 1) for up to 45 minutes covered with foil. Put about 8 tablespoons of the well-reduced stock in small saucepan and season if needed with salt and cayenne pepper. Bring it almost to the boil and incorporate the butter, adding small pieces one at a time and shaking the pan to incorporate them smoothly. Serve with the sauce and a selection of steamed fresh vegetables. The stock left over from cooking the guinea fowl can be frozen and used to repeat the recipe.

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SOLUTION TO NO 941 ACROSS: 1 Census, 5 Rabbit, 8 Tea, 9 Salam, 10 Cajole, 11 Menu, 12 Resource, 14 Revamp, 17 Effite, 19 Aperture, 22 Logo, 24 Sufant, 25 Arable, 26 Fun, 27 Mealy, 28 Teeter. DOWN: 2 Fit out (5), 3 Shut hard (4), 4 Bowler's spell (4), 5 Crack (4), 6 Living room (7), 7 Roughly (11), 8 'Cruel Sea' ship (7,4), 12 Mees (6), 14 Cunning (3), 15 Sheen (6), 19 Inspiring (7), 20 Sprite (3), 24 Due (5), 25 Appear (4), 26 Rousserie (4), 27 Indigo (4).

SOLUTION TO NO 935 (last Saturday's prize concise) ACROSS: 1 Querreisome, 9 Updates, 10 Syrup, 11 Too, 13 Cord, 16 Can, 17 Unwind, 18 Upon, 20 Soda, 21 Little, 22 Love, 23 Agree, 25 Yes, 28 Terra, 29 Chateau, 30 Versatility. DOWN: 2 Udder, 3 Rote, 4 Erst, 5 So-so, 6 Morello, 7 Punctual, 8 Spontaneous, 12 Ornate, 14 Dun, 15 Awhike, 19 Obverse, 20 Sea, 24 Greet, 25 Yaks, 26 Scout, 27 Hail.

BRIDGE

Failure at the crucial point

The Reisinger Trophy is the centrepiece of the American Fall Nationals. It is a team contest with point-a-board scoring, almost unheard of in an age when popular demand has made "Swiss" the universal method of scoring multiple teams events. There is no doubt that point-a-board is the more skillful method, which perhaps explains why the majority prefer Swiss teams. The American Contract Bridge League tried to bend to the popular will, but an all-too-rare victory for "player power" forced the retention of the traditional point-a-board.

Bridge hand diagram showing a deal with cards in spades, hearts, diamonds, and clubs for West and East.

Cohen appeared to be off to a wonderful start when he won the spade lead in hand and successfully finessed the ♠J. A heart to the Ace felled West's Queen, leaving only the small problem of returning to hand. Cohen tried a club, but Martel pounced on that and hurriedly cashed three rounds of diamonds for one down, 100 to Martel. This was the bidding at the other table: West: 2NT, North: 3C, East: 3C, South: 3C. Result: 3C-3C, Double, No.

Bridge hand diagram showing a deal with cards in spades, hearts, diamonds, and clubs for West and East.

Whatever Pender's reasons for removing his partner's five clubs to five hearts, the sight of dummy must have been unnerving. In clubs, 11 tricks are sure. In hearts, as we have seen, even 10 tricks are in doubt. Rodwell, placing no esoteric significance on his partner's double, started with the ♠A. Meckstroth won the ♠K and surprisingly cashed the ♠A instead of trying to put his partner on play to get his club ruff. Pender won the spade switch and played a heart to the Ace and a heart back to his King. Lucky? Perhaps a little, but two inferences guided Pender's successful play of the trumps. East did not have enough high cards to justify his penalty double; therefore it was lead directing to attract a club lead. East could not have ♣Qxx, otherwise he would have played a third round of diamonds, forcing dummy to ruff. Whatever luck the world champions enjoyed, it was insufficient. They lost the play off, 7-5.

Jeremy Flint

CHESS

Vital moves in the Varsity match

The annual Varsity chess match, which was held on March 8 at the Royal Automobile club in Pall Mall, was one of the best-contested matches I have seen in the entire course of the long series. It is most refreshing to see such youthful and skilled ardour in action. However, despite the number of good young masters that have always participated in the event, there is always a crop of blunders. I remember one match in which the Cambridge First Board allowed his opponent to fork his Queen and King with a Knight check. No doubt the tension of the moment is responsible. This time, however, there were no upsets or disastrous oversights and in the end the Oxford side defeated Cambridge by 5½-2½, thereby

adding to the list of victories Oxford have enjoyed of late. This is a reversal of the winning trend Cambridge used to enjoy in the days when they were represented by some of the country's leading masters such as H. E. Atkins, C. H. O'D Alexander and P. S. Milner-Barry. By tradition the ladies play on the bottom board, but I thought this year they played in much improved style, possibly reflecting the considerable improvement in British women's chess of recent years. Special prizes for the best effort in their team were awarded to Andrew Dyson (Cambridge) for his heroic draw against James Howell, and to Kenneth Shovel (Oxford) for the following game against David Watts. White: K Shovel; Black: D Watts. King's Indian Defence

Up to here the game follows a famous precedent - Kasparov's own notes to the game Kavalek-Kasparov, Bugojno 1982. The world champion himself recommended the superior: 15... N-Qc6 16 K-Q2 RxB 17 NxB B-N5 18 NxB NxBP 19 N-B2 B-N5. White's pawn on K6 now exerts a horrific cramp on Black's development. 17 P-B3 N-B3 18 Q-Q2 N-B3 19 N-B3 N-B3 20 N-B3 N-B3 21 N-B3 N-B3 22 N-B3 N-B3 23 N-B3 N-B3 24 N-B3 N-B3 25 N-B3 N-B3 26 N-B3 N-B3 27 N-B3 N-B3 28 N-B3 N-B3 29 N-B3 N-B3 30 N-B3 N-B3 31 N-B3 N-B3 32 N-B3 N-B3 33 N-B3 N-B3 34 N-B3 N-B3 35 N-B3 N-B3 36 N-B3 N-B3 37 N-B3 N-B3 38 N-B3 N-B3 39 N-B3 N-B3 40 N-B3 N-B3 41 N-B3 N-B3 42 N-B3 N-B3 43 N-B3 N-B3 44 N-B3 N-B3 45 N-B3 N-B3 46 N-B3 N-B3 47 N-B3 N-B3 48 N-B3 N-B3 49 N-B3 N-B3 50 N-B3 N-B3 51 N-B3 N-B3 52 N-B3 N-B3 53 N-B3 N-B3 54 N-B3 N-B3 55 N-B3 N-B3 56 N-B3 N-B3 57 N-B3 N-B3 58 N-B3 N-B3 59 N-B3 N-B3 60 N-B3 N-B3 61 N-B3 N-B3 62 N-B3 N-B3 63 N-B3 N-B3 64 N-B3 N-B3 65 N-B3 N-B3 66 N-B3 N-B3 67 N-B3 N-B3 68 N-B3 N-B3 69 N-B3 N-B3 70 N-B3 N-B3 71 N-B3 N-B3 72 N-B3 N-B3 73 N-B3 N-B3 74 N-B3 N-B3 75 N-B3 N-B3 76 N-B3 N-B3 77 N-B3 N-B3 78 N-B3 N-B3 79 N-B3 N-B3 80 N-B3 N-B3 81 N-B3 N-B3 82 N-B3 N-B3 83 N-B3 N-B3 84 N-B3 N-B3 85 N-B3 N-B3 86 N-B3 N-B3 87 N-B3 N-B3 88 N-B3 N-B3 89 N-B3 N-B3 90 N-B3 N-B3 91 N-B3 N-B3 92 N-B3 N-B3 93 N-B3 N-B3 94 N-B3 N-B3 95 N-B3 N-B3 96 N-B3 N-B3 97 N-B3 N-B3 98 N-B3 N-B3 99 N-B3 N-B3 100 N-B3 N-B3

Harry Golombek

IN THE GARDEN



Victorian splendour: the greenhouses on the terrace

The greenhouses at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens stand on the terrace at the very heart of the gardens. Designed by the eminent Victorian, John Claudius Loudon, the gardens were opened to subscribers in 1832 and remain one of the only Victorian Botanic Gardens in private hands. As well as an excellent plant collection, they contain a garden for the disabled and a special play area for children.

Michael Young

The Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Westbourne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham (021 454 1850). Open every day, 9am (10am on Sun) until dusk.

Making the most of moisture

Wet ground can be made almost as attractive as any other part of your garden as long as you choose the right plants - and there is plenty of choice. The skunk cabbage, *Lysichitum americanum* and *Lysichitum camtschaticense* like wet conditions. The former has yellow spathe-like flowers while the latter has white flowers. Both need rich soil and constant moisture, as does *Calla palustris*, the Marsh Marigold, which is decorated by rich yellow flowers in the spring. *Primula florindae* raises its flowers on stems which under the right conditions - an acid soil which is moist throughout the year - can grow to four feet. *Lobelia fulgens*, which has dark red foliage and rich scarlet flowers, likes damp ground but hates to be constantly in water. *Filipendula rubra venusta* likes a moist soil which does not dry out during the summer it can produce

its rich pink plumes. It can be invasive and may need lifting and dividing regularly. The Day Lily, which flowers almost continuously throughout the summer, is a glorious plant and is very much at home in wet soils. *Trollius ledebouri* is another summer flowerer which needs a rich wet soil. *Rodgersia pinnata* likes a bit of shade as well as moisture. Its pink flowers, which appear in the summer, must be protected from cold winds.

If you have an open site, consider *Aranucus dioicus* which produces attractive creamy white flowers in the summer and will grow to almost six feet. *Astilbes* are ideal for these conditions and there are plenty of varieties and colours to choose from. *Astilbe arendsi* is the type with named varieties to give colours from white to deep red.

Ashley Stephenson

Italian masterpiece

I have just returned from the Italian Flower Show, which ends tomorrow in Genoa. It was my first visit and I was greatly impressed - it was the finest flower show I have ever seen. Like the Ghent Floraries it takes place only every five years, and this show, Euroflora 86, was the fifth time it has been organized. After seeing the quality of the exhibits and the overall design, I'm sure it has a long and bright future.

There were more than 1,000 exhibitors and it was attended by about 600,000 people. One of the main reasons for its success was that it was staged in three giant halls, giving designers a chance to create sizeable and spectacular landscapes.

QUESTION TIME

My elderly Victoria Plum tree bears fruit well but at the ends of the fold branches I would like to stop the tree spreading but am afraid I may lose the fruit. It is almost impossible to keep plum trees small. The only way is to start when the trees are young and regularly cut young branches. Plums should not be pruned except during the late summer, July or August. Pruning old wood at any other time exposes the tree to attacks from a disease called Silver Leaf. You should allow your tree to grow until it is too big then either hard prune or remove entirely.

The main hall, 160 metres across, was laid out with two large pools and a system of paths at different levels which offered a series of changing perspectives. Large areas of grass helped create a cool and pleasant ambience. Tons of soil had been brought in and all plants were in containers. Some trees were more than 30 feet high. A line of tree ferns when viewed from above formed a giant question mark. These Dicksonias were at least 15 feet high and in excellent condition. One area was laid out as a tropical forest in which were planted a wide variety of carnivorous plants. An authentic, humid jungle atmosphere was created by jets of steam emerging from the ground.

A Japanese nurseryman displayed a stand of *Iris kaempferi*. The cut stems were pushed between a layer of bricks which kept them upright and the area beneath the bricks was water. The flowers were white, deep blue and pale blue in a delightful mixture - an outstanding exhibit. On a show from an Italian nursery were a number of lemon trees pruned in the shape of a basket. Fruit and flowers were on the plants. Other plants among the thousands on show were many specimens of *Cycas revoluta*. Some were 12 feet high and hundreds of years old.

A.S.

Advertisement for Agriframes Fruit Cages, featuring a picture of a cage and text describing its benefits for supporting plants.

Advertisement for Wind Problems? offering solutions for supporting plants and trees, including contact information for a nursery.

Advertisement for LASER Britain's Most Advanced Garden Tractor, highlighting its features and value.

SHOPPING

Are we thinking comfortably?

Sitting comfortably is becoming a minor consideration when buying an upright chair. Modern chairs are sculptures, technical experiments, flights of fancy. When "Can I sit on it?" is an imperative, "How long can I sit on it?" becomes irrelevant. "A chair is the most difficult piece of furniture to design", says Ros Carter, a distinguished furniture

maker who has made chairs a speciality. "Because you walk round it the proportions must look right from every angle, and whatever shape it is you will never get two people to agree on its comfort." It is also difficult these days to get the customer to pay the price that a good chair commands. Interesting new designs and combinations of

materials cost far more than the finished object suggests - hand craftsmanship takes a disproportionate amount of time and mass production requires a huge guaranteed sale to justify the £500,000 or so that special tooling costs. There are two strong themes in modern chairs - the nostalgic, looking back to traditional shapes of

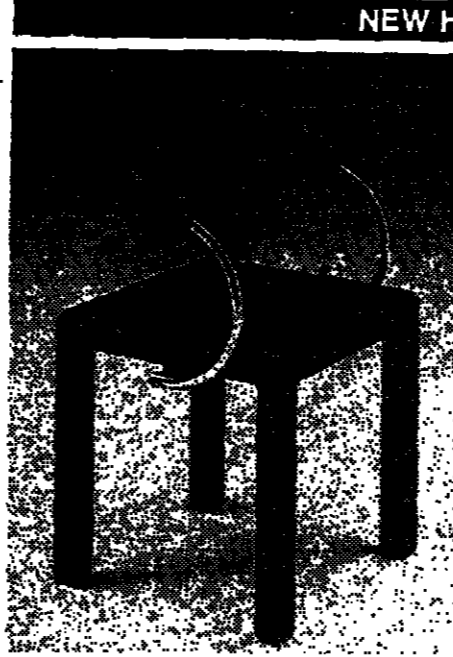
the arts and crafts movement and relying on natural materials, and the unexpected, including curved sheets of aluminium, three-legged seats in leather and plastic and chairs that look like sick insects or friendly robots.

Some of them need a slight mental adjustment before they fit into the conventional notion of what a chair should be, but anyone who finds difficulty in seeing their possibilities might consider the point made by American architect Philip Johnson: "If you like the look of the thing you will find some way of sitting on it".

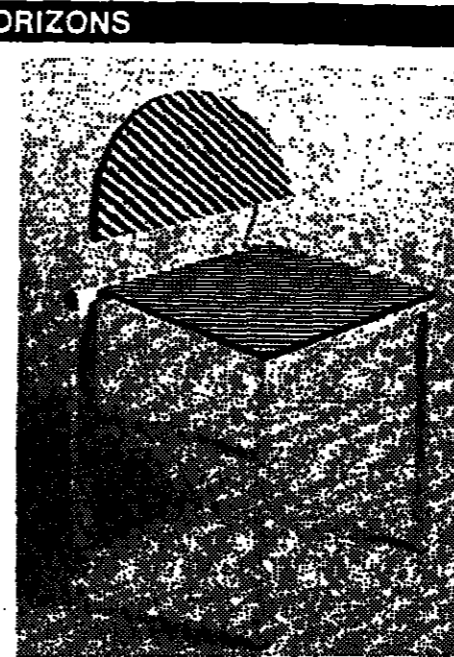
Beryl Downing



Andres van Onck's Condor stacking chair has a black steel frame, ridged plastic seat and the air of a pet robot. £39 from Equinox, 84 New Oxford Street, W1



Curving chrome with squared leather seat. 'Arcoos' by B & B Italia costs £189 from Keith de la Plain, Milroy House, 5 Savers Lane, Tenterden, Kent (05806 51771)

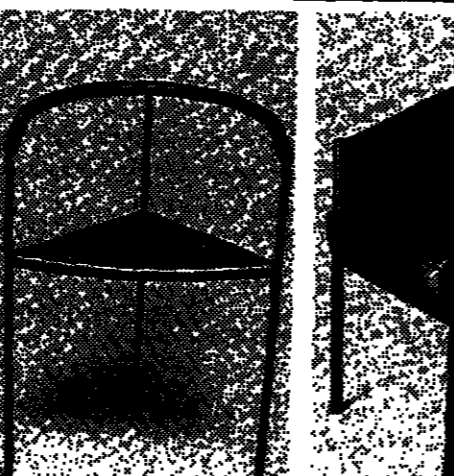


The Apsley chair by Flux in diagonal black and white Formica laminates. £30. For stockists contact Hoskins, Upper Trinity Street, Birmingham, (021 773 1144)

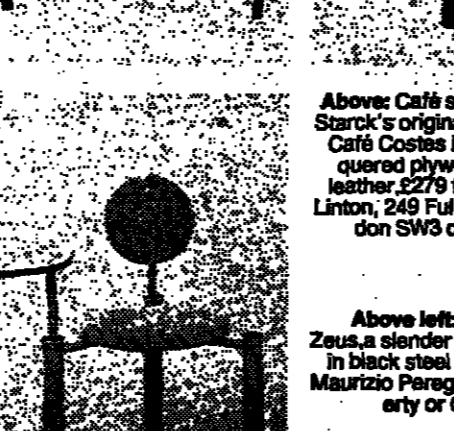


Folding 'cricket' chair with black steel frame and plastic seat in yellow, red, white or black. By Andres van Onck. £39 from Equinox, 84 New Oxford Street, W1

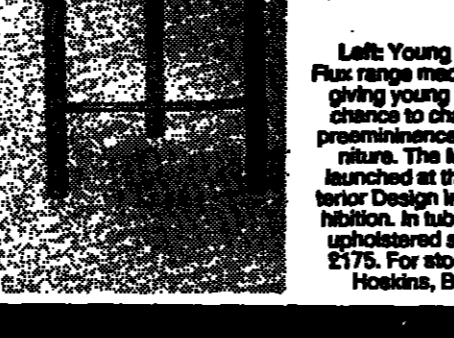
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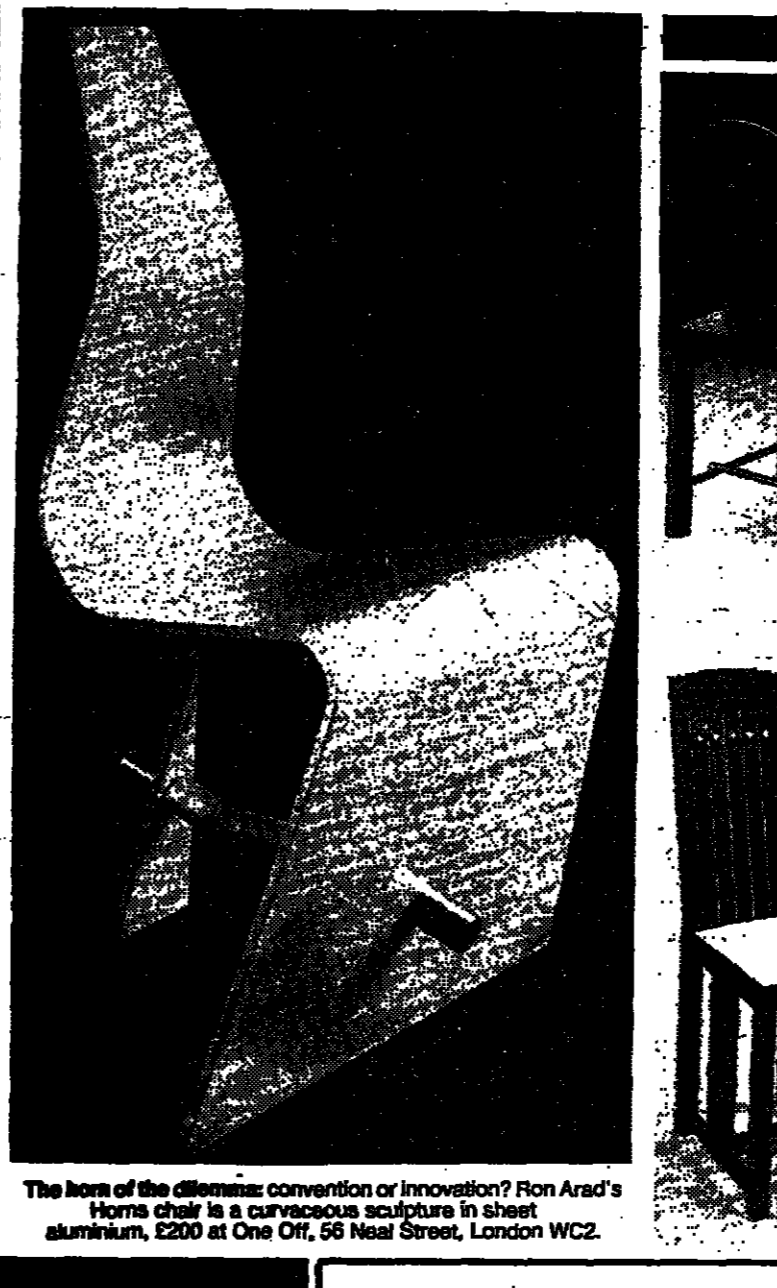
Above: Café society - Philippe Starck's original design for the Café Costes in Paris. In lacquered plywood steel and leather. £279 from Mary Fox Linton, 249 Fulham Road, London SW3 or at Liberty.



Above left: Basic black - Zeus, a slender minimalist chair in black steel and rubber by Maurizio Paveselli. £159 at Liberty or One Off.

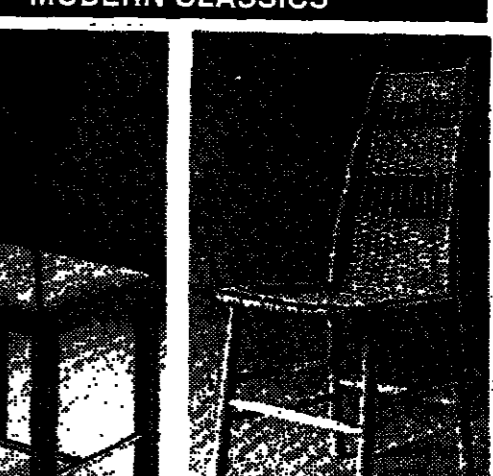


Left: Young challenge - the Flux range made by Hoskins is giving young designers the chance to challenge Italy's preeminence in modern furniture. The Mezzo will be launched at this month's Interior Design International exhibition. In black metal with upholstered seat and back. £175. For stockists contact Hoskins, Birmingham.

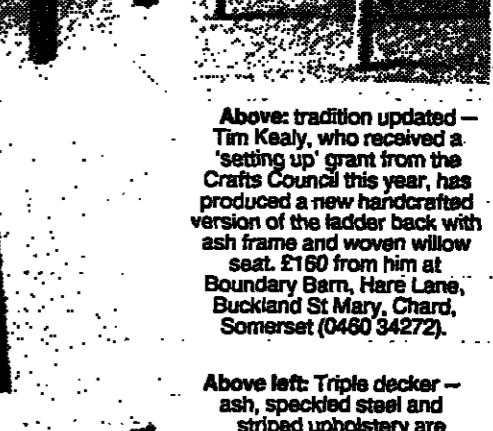


The horn of the dinosaur: convention or innovation? Ron Arad's Horns chair is a curvaceous sculpture in sheet aluminium. £200 at One Off, 66 Neal Street, London WC2.

MODERN CLASSICS



Above: tradition updated - Tim Kealy, who received a 'setting up' grant from the Crafts Council this year, has produced a new handcrafted version of the ladder back with ash frame and woven willow seat. £160 from him at Boundary Barn, Harle Lane, Buckland St Mary, Chard, Somerset (0480 34272).



Above left: Triple decker - ash, speckled steel and striped upholstery are combined in Richard Snell's Piazza chair. £103.03, made to order by Hoskins Furniture, Vulcan Road, Bliston, West Midlands (0902 43661).



Left: Craft as art - not a copy but a modern chair in the style of the Arts & Crafts movement, designed by Ron Carter and made by Peter Miles of Derbyshire. In stained ash, £395 at Liberty.

COLLECTING

Sarah Jane Checkland spies some unusual signed editions

All literary hands on deck

How much do you think a first edition of Barbara Cartland's *Love At The Helm* is worth, especially when signed "Love, Barbara Cartland" in pink ink? Not a lot, according to the book trade because she is so prolific and, frankly, not the greatest author of our time. But this is where the trade may be wrong. As Miss Cartland herself would say, it's love that's blind that repeats the best reward. And *Love at the Helm* is no run-of-the-mill romance. The book jacket implies steamily that it may contain material for biographers: "The sea scenes and naval background owe their authority to the help and inspiration of Admiral of the Fleet Earl Mountbatten of Burma". More importantly, it was signed and donated by the author to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, and has a specially-designed frontispiece decorated with anchors and mermaids.

The Barbara Cartland book is just one of 240 (all but six first editions) resulting from the biggest book-signing session ever. To raise funds for the RNLI, volunteer Stephen Woods wrote 700 letters asking for signed editions and he is putting them up for sale at Phillips, Leeds, on Thursday. Bidding will start at the retail price for each book. Much has been written recently about the escalating prices for modern first editions, which can often fetch £10,000. But the focus has been on established, sometimes recently dead authors - Bejman, Conrad, Graves. Now is the time to take a gamble on books, if not hot from the press, then at least still warm.

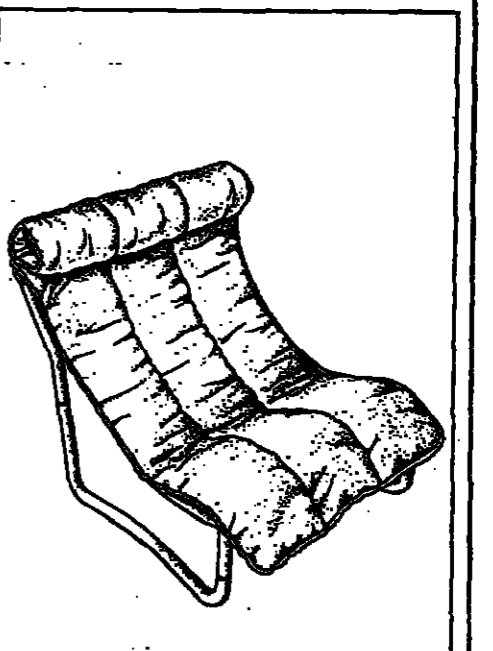
First-edition collecting is about amassing as many favourable factors as possible: immaculate condition, presence of dust jackets, inscriptions. The books in the RNLI auction have all these qualities, and the RNLI dedications will count for something in years to come. One thing is certain: the books in the sale cannot guarantee, however, is the lasting appeal of the books' contents, and this is where the collectors will have to trust in taste. Many books in the sale are by collected authors: *Le Carré's Little Drummer Girl*, Laurence Durrell's *Avignon Quarter*, Frederick Forsyth's *The Fourth Protocol*, and Anthony Powell's *Oh How the Wheel Becomes It*. Some are of historical interest, such as Peter Levi's *Grave Witness* and Harold MacMillan's *War Diary*. A number are unmistakably glamorous. The Duke of Edinburgh has broken the Royal Family ban on autographs to flourish his name on the opening page of *Mem, Machines and Sacred Cows*; there are four books written and signed by the Mitford sisters, Debo, Jessica and Diana. Tipped by the trade are a clutch of comedy writers, so far under-rated by collectors but likely to appreciate soon. Alan Ayckbourn is here in conversation with Ian Watson. Alan Bennett has improved his inscription to *40 Years On* with a quick scribbled self-portrait. Be warned, however, that Michael Frayn's *Close Constructions* is not a freshly-written farce but a piece of philosophy. Meanwhile, Stephen Woods, a senior clerk at Leeds Magistrates' Court, has plans to produce another collectible. "I've had such fascinating correspondence with them all. I've managed to get a publisher interested." If he does print a book, he ought to have at least 240 guaranteed buyers - all those who buy the books for sale on Thursday.

Advertisement for the RNLI book sale, featuring a drawing of a book and contact information for Phillips, Leeds.

THE SLINGER CHAIR

The Slinger chair is a striking contemporary design; requiring no assembly screws or fittings it simply folds out into position.

The 'Slinger' arrives folded flat but may be transformed into a comfortable chair in minutes. It consists of a white or grey tubular steel frame coated with epoxy resin, which is covered by a quilted fabric sling with red on one side and white on the reverse filled with polyester fibre. The chair measures 27" x 27" x 27" and is made in Great Britain.



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Advertisement for The Times Slinger Chair, including contact information for The Times Slinger Chair Office and a list of prices for different chair options.

REVIEW



Spying on a secret Bond of friendship

I last saw James Bond a few days before his death last summer. As usual I took down a bottle of the Widow and wheeled him along the front from Hove where he lived in that infinitely depressing home the Firm runs for its distressed pensioners.

He was very frail and characteristically kept complaining about the food. He was an insufferable food snob, forever banging on about the six best meals of his life, though his palate had been ruined by a lifetime of cigarettes and over-iced spirits. In real life he couldn't tell kedonia from quahogs.

It was then, gazing out to sea, tarian rug tucked around him, still wearing that Old Etonian tie, to which, of course, he wasn't entitled, that he first told me about the affair with Guy Burgess.

I had suspected something of the sort ever since he had first introduced himself to me in the Warner Stand gents at Lord's cricket ground and like everyone (with the apparent exception of John Pearson) I had always known about the

James Bond - The Authorized Biography by John Pearson (Grafton, £2.95)

true relationship with 'M'. (Fleming was always dropping little hints in the books - "thin" smiles, references to Bond's medicals and what good shape he was in - but Pearson seems not to have noticed.)

We were discussing Sir Roger Hollis and whether he was one of ours or theirs at the time when Bond suddenly said: "Most marriages don't add two people together. They subtract one from the other." I recognized the aphorism naturally. *Diamonds are Forever*, page 182. I'd always thought it pretty meaningless. "It was Guy who told me that", Bond continued. "Guy was a very human being, not a bit like everyone says now." There was a quaver in his voice and when I glanced across at him I saw that he was crying.

There is none of this in Mr Pearson's book, which was first published in 1973 when Bond was still successfully

maintaining the preposterous myth that he was a macho heterosexual. There is all the usual nonsense about "Burglar" Britton's illegitimate half sister being responsible for getting him sacked from school (it was "Burglar" himself who was to blame) and about the affair with Marthe de Brandt (actually a Bulgarian drag queen called Boris).

Pearson also documents Bond's one known heterosexual liaison (with Tiffany Case) and quotes her letter with its crucial admission: "When we first met you told me that you were married to a man called M". She adds: "I think I know now what you meant".

Unaccountably, Pearson, a normally perceptive writer, seems not to grasp the significance of this. Even more seriously, he fails to address the question of whose side Commander Bond was really on. That day on the front at Brighton Bond as good as told me he didn't know himself. I believed him.

Tim Heald

Basil Boothroyd grapples with some classic whodunnits

Margery Allingham's *The Fashion in Shrotons* (Dent, £3.95) comes off best in this random batch. Good writing and real people. Neither seem to have been thought necessary in most detective fiction of forty-odd years ago, and readers just reading for the puzzle probably don't mind, or even notice.

She is funny without being facetious, and her *haute couture* prop-set suspects (no jets in 1938) have true character rather than the usual stock quirks. Whereas other investigators keep saying "Humph" (or, if Scottish, "Mphm"), you never know what her Albert Campion is going to say - which isn't much, but his relaxed presence is always felt. Her puzzle is good too. She makes you want to know who did it, and somehow keeps her complexities simple.

The figures in the rural landscape depicted in Cyril Hare's *Death is no Sportswoman* (Faber, £3.95) are classically familiar: wicked squire (who gets dunn), four gentlemen from Lunnion who take "pulls" at their beer and "demolish" excellent repasts at the Polworthy Arms, jolly doctor, doddery Rector (who didn't do it), assorted ladies of varying virtue, excited constables with traditional shining red faces, and the pipe-smoking man from the Yard always on the verge of revealing "his solution to the local

Puzzles penned in blood



Super but thwarted, with the reader, when the door is suddenly flung open to some startling announcement. I am being a bit hard. For mere puzzle-solvers this is prime stuff of its kind, and I bet they don't solve it. Tortuous isn't the word. But the dialogue is often too unspoken to believe anyone ever spoke it.

The Chief Constable congratulates the corpse's widow, under courteous interrogation, on being dashed plucky. People say "Tck, tck". They murmur. They ejaculate. They "have difficulty", at rare in-

morous moments, "in controlling their features".

None of this is as distracting as some of the "Sapper" writing. Admittedly the collection of H.C. McNeile's Best Short Stories (Dent, £3.50) is of an even earlier vintage. Not all are about Bulldog Drummond, his most famous, and at the time generally admired, creation, who not only strikes me, at this perhaps unfair remove, as a violent cad who likes nothing better than to knock other people's teeth out, and carries no marks for his ponderous levity of speech ("If that is true I will consume my headgear"), but outstandingly exemplifies the Englishman one would most dread to be seen with as a fellow-Brit abroad.

However, McNeile's plots are not short of ingenuity and good surprises, more digestible in their snack-sizes than those excellent - extended, anyway - repasts we are asked to demolish elsewhere.

Nicholas Blake, who was C. Day Lewis, cleverly suppresses all hints of a future Poet Laureateship in his *Head of a Traveller* (Dent, £3.50), with down-to-earth romps amid rape, mad dwarfs, and blood-stained mackintoshes.

Intellectuals in this field always seem to me a little patronizing. But perhaps that is patronizing of me. Puzzlers will be puzzled all the same.

Marcel Berlins uncovers the dark secrets of a master

The Life of Raymond Chandler by Frank MacShane (Hamish Hamilton, £5.95)

Raymond Chandler's life was a constant disappointment to him. He wanted to live in England but landed up in California, which he disliked. He would have liked to have been a serious novelist but became instead a writer of pulp fiction, albeit the best of them. Sensitive and with pretensions to being an intellectual, he was forced to mix with the crass and the crude.

He was in his mid-forties when he first started writing short detective stories, and over 50 when his first novel, *The Big Sleep*, was published.

Chandler's marriage to Cissy, nearly 20 years his senior, brought him a measure of emotional security. He loved her deeply and her death was devastating. But the marriage was also responsible for his increasing social isolation and chronic loneliness. Cissy's recurring illnesses and Chandler's growing embarrassment about her age made the couple reclusive and inhospitable.

He who craved for intelligent gregarious conversation

A lonely life of suspense



with fellow creators spent most of his evenings alone with his whisky bottle. It was during those most depressing hours that he wrote the long, honest, intimate letters that have provided MacShane with much of his material. MacShane also interviewed many of Chandler's friends and acquaintances from the last five years of his life when, freed by Cissy's death, he

spent much of his time in England and, for a while, underwent a curious period of social and emotional rejuvenation. It did not last long. The loneliness returned and his alcoholism worsened. He died in 1959 aged 71.

Frank MacShane has written a biography of rare understanding. He describes convincingly Chandler's sexual torments, his exaggerated Anglophilia, his brushes with Hollywood, his constant need for recognition as something more than a mere writer of superior detective fiction, and his descent into solitude, bitterness and anguish.

He is especially interesting in his analysis of the relationship between the author and his most illustrious creation, Philip Marlowe.

But there is one exasperating omission. Legend has it that Chandler himself thought Philip Marlowe could best be portrayed on the screen by Cary Grant. If true, it is an interesting and surprising insight into Chandler's view of his own character. MacShane doesn't refer to the story, though he does say that Chandler liked Humphrey Bogart's performance in *The Big Sleep*.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Poor boy who found black was bountiful

FILMS ON TV

Goodness knows what they will make of it in his native Russia, but the tributes will soon be flowing elsewhere for the poor cantor's son from Lithuania who killed himself, without a trace of modesty, "the greatest entertainer the world has ever seen".

A stage-struck boy determined to escape the ghetto, the then Asa Jolson joined his family in the United States when he was eight and made his first public appearance at 12 singing in a restaurant for a cup of coffee. He blacked his face, sang with a minstrel troupe and eased himself into a string of Broadway hits that took him to fame and fortune.

By now he called himself Al Jolson and he could still, in his sixties, be voted America's most popular singer ahead of Bing Crosby, Perry Como and the emerging Frank Sinatra. When he died, the lights were turned off and the traffic stopped on Broadway.

To mark the 100th anniversary of his birth, there is a season of Jolson films on Channel 4, and tomorrow's edition of *The South Bank Show* (ITV, 10.30-11.40pm) is devoted to a profile which goes some way towards balancing the anodyne portrait of the movie biographies, *The Jolson Story* and *Jolson Sings Again*.

Jolson wanted to be first

and best. Insanely jealous of competition, he once had a troupe of acrobats fired for stopping a show that was supposed to be his. He was a womanizer, but his most passionate affair was with his work. He abandoned his new bride Ruby Keeler for four hours on their wedding night to sing to the local fireman.

Though happiest as a stage performer, he left a historic mark on the movies, not least for uttering the first words in the first talking picture. *The Jazz Singer* was followed by *The Singing Fool*, which spawned in "Sonny Boy" the first million-selling record. And, when, just after the Second World War, his career seemed to be over it was spectacularly revived by *The Jolson Story*.

Characteristically, Jolson wanted to play the part himself but he was nearly 60 and the studio hit on an inspired compromise. Jolson would provide the voice, still as rich as ever, and an unknown B-movie player, Larry Parks, would be his flesh and blood.

The *Jolson Story* is showing today (10.55pm-12.00am) and *Jolson Sings Again* on Tuesday (9-10.50pm).

There are also five films from the 1930s: *Wanderer* (Mon, 3.15-4.45pm), *Swanee River* (Tues, 2.55-4.30pm), *Hallelujah I'm a Bum* (Wed, 2.30-4pm), *Mammy* (Thurs, 2.30-4pm) and *Go Into Your Dance* (Thurs, 5-6.40pm).

Peter Waymark



The greatest: Al Jolson in *Hallelujah I'm a Bum*

RECOMMENDED

Witness For the Prosecution (1957): Charles Laughton and Marlene Dietrich taking a powerful tilt at Agatha Christie (BBC2, today, 2-3.50pm).

Diamonds Are Forever (1971): James Bond/Sean Connery versus international diamond smugglers (ITV, tomorrow, 7.45-9.45pm).

Twelve O'Clock High (1949): Gregory Peck as the martinet commander of a Second World War bomber squadron (Channel 4, tomorrow, 10.15pm-12.40am).

The Sound of Music (1965): Julie Andrews, cute kids, postcard locations and

Indelible Rodgers and Hammerstein songs (BBC1, Mon, 2.25-5.10pm).

My Brilliant Career (1979): Judy Davis as the ambitious farm girl in the first of a strong Australian season (BBC2, Tues, 9-10.40pm).

Whisky Galore! (1948): Delightfully sharp-edged Ealing comedy, pitting Hebridean islanders against the customs man (BBC2, Wed, 6-7.20pm).

High Plains Drifter (1972): Moody, mystical Western with Clint Eastwood as director and star (ITV, Wed, 9.10-10.35-11.40pm).

Riot in Cell Block 11 (1954): Facey, low budget prison drama which helped to

make director Don Siegel into a cult figure (BBC2, Fri, 12.05-1.30am).

Up-beat rock of ages past

TELEVISION

Negotiations with MTV, the 24-hour US cable television station which transmits non-stop rock videos, to take over a four-hour slot on BBC1 floundered over copyright complications. Instead, Video Jukebox (Fri, 9.30pm-2am), presented by John Peel and John Walters, combines a history of the pop video and a state-of-the-art documentary.

While demonstrating the increasing cross-fertilization of rock, television and cinema, *Video Jukebox* mercifully lacks the seamless, hypnotically mindless nature of MTV - music to veg out on.

What a Way to Run a Revolution (Channel 4, Wed, 10pm-midnight), a well-intentioned song-and-dance routine about the abortive 1926 general strike, is awash with empty rhetoric of the trade union movement and accusations of betrayal against careerist Labour Party leaders. A hymn of praise to the honest but exploited worker in the cloth cap, it is not so much agit-prop as agitated pop.

Several classes up, in every sense, is the second delightful series of Mapp and Lucia (Channel 4, tonight, 9-10pm), another faithful adaptation from the immaculately conceived, beautifully mannered and exquisitely bitchy Tilling novels of E. F. Benson, featuring Geraldine McEwan, Prunella Scales and Nigel Hawthorne.

Bob Williams

A lady in love with the blues

RADIO

John Wain has worn the hedges of poet, novelist and critic, and even *Angry Young Man*, but is only an occasional playwright. So it is mildly surprising to see his name as the author of the *Monday Play*, *Good Morning Blues* (Radio 4, 8.15-9.45pm).

What is not surprising, given that it is one of Wain's passions, is that setting should be traditional jazz. Wain is not only a jazz buff who knows his Beiderbeckes from his Bechets but has also been known to sing the blues with a combo called the Croch Rad All Stars.

The singer in *Good Morning Blues*, however, is played by a pro, as well as a considerable actress, Julie Covington, and the dramatic core of the piece is a love affair between the girl and a clarinetist (Bill Nigay), two members of a group who perform in English pubs. The wider theme is the progress of jazz from being the music of the underprivileged American negro to a minority pursuit of white middle-class intellectuals.

Still on drama, *Elegy For a Lady* (Radio 3, Tues, 9.50-10.25pm) is the British premiere of a short play by Arthur Miller. A treatise on the nature of love and loss, it is set in a boutique where a man (Sam Wassnaker) is looking for a present for his young mistress who is dying of cancer. Carroll Baker plays the proprietress, who helps to make his choice.

The story of two Hollywood stars who settled here and were responsible for one of radio's first situation comedies is told in *Bebe and Ben* (Radio 4, today, 4-4.45pm). Ben Lyon, as he never ceased to remind his audiences, made his mark in the Howard Hughes film, *Hell's Angels*, while Bebe Daniels sang and danced her way through screen musicals like *Rio Rita* and *42nd Street*.

They married, and stayed married, and came to Britain and during the Second World War teamed up with another emigré, the Austrian-born Vic Oliver, for a raucous radio comedy, *Hi Gang!* But they became best known for *Life With the Lyons*, an amiable family sitcom in which they were joined by their children, Barbara and Richard. The programme is presented by that arch nostalgic, Hubert Gregg, who knew Bebe and Ben personally.

Followers of radio drama may have come across James Fairfax without realizing that it is the pen name of Judge James Pickles, a familiar figure on the northern circuit. In *On Being a Judge* (Radio 4, Mon, 11.33am-noon: the first of two programmes) he talks about his job with a frankness not normally associated with people in his position, as well as offering his views on such spicy topics as pornography, prostitution and capital punishment.

Peter Waymark



MAPP AND LUCIA ...WHO NEEDS ENEMIES? THE DEADLY GAME CONTINUED, IN A NEW SERIES TONIGHT AT 9.00PM



AN LWTV PRODUCTION FOR CHANNEL 4

THE WEEK AHEAD



DANCE
THREESOME: Kenneth MacMillan has a triple bill at Covent Garden...



TELEVISION
BERYL'S TRAVELS: Beryl Bainbridge takes to the road for Forever England...



FILMS
CANNES CHOICE: Bob Hoskins plays an ex-con in Mona Lisa...



GALLERIES
STAGE STRUCK: leaders Duncan, as depicted in a lithograph by Van Dongen...



BOOKS
WAR GAMES: Timothy Mo uses his birthplace, Hong Kong, as the setting for An Insular Possession...



THEATRE
IN CHARGE: Dorothy Tutin plays the mysterious Miss Madrigal, governess of a Sussex manor...

TIMES CHOICE

THEATRE

IN PREVIEW

CHESS: The new musical by Tim Rice, Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvaeus...

OPENINGS

LA CAGE AUX POLLES: Broadway musical comedy by Jerry Herman and Harvey Fierstein...

SELECTED

HMS PINAFORE: Joe Dowling's famously camp Dublin production of Gilbert and Sullivan...

OUT OF TOWN

CAMBRIDGE: The Play's the Thing: P.G. Wodehouse's adaptation of a comedy by Ferenc Molnar...

CONCERTS

BERNSTEIN, BLITZSTEIN: The Leonard Bernstein Festival continues with John Mauceri conducting the LSO...

FILMS

OPENINGS

CLUE (PG): The film of the board game, gleefully written and directed by Jonathan Lynn...

SELECTED

ZINA (15): Zina is Trotsky's daughter - hauntingly played by Domiziana Giordano...

CONCERTS

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OPERA

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE

Tonight, Wed and May 10 at 7pm, revival of John Schlesinger's enchanting production of Offenbach's Les contes d'Hoffmann...

ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA

Busoni's Dr Faust tonight and Thurs at 7pm. On Wed and May 10 at 7.30pm a revival of Die Fledermaus...

SCOTTISH OPERA

Matinee at 2.15pm today and May 10 of John Cox's new production of The Marriage of Figaro...

WELSH NATIONAL OPERA

Summer season opens at Cardiff on Tues (7.15pm) with a new production of The Barber of Seville...

ROCK AND JAZZ

PAUL BRADY

Gifted Irish singer-songwriter, on the brink of deserved fame. Tonight, Yesterydays, Bristol (0272 257670)...

MERRYDOWN JAZZ FESTIVAL

A month-long for 10 years - is due for release in Britain following her recent deal with Channel 4...

AMERICAN DANCE SEASON

Rosalind Newman and dancers give a final performance at Sadler's Wells tonight...

KIBBUTZ DANCE COMPANY

New works performed (Tues and Sat) by this Israeli group. The Place, 17 Duke's Road, London WC1 (01-387 0031)...

TORONTO DANCE THEATRE

A month's tour starts at Cardiff tomorrow. Following them (Tues-Sat) are the company of Bill T. Jones and Arnie Zane...

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

America's West Coast is this year's theme. July 5-20. Box Office, Town Hall, Imperial Square, Cheltenham, Glos (0242-523690)...

THE RING

Postal booking open for complete Wagner cycle by Welsh National Opera. Sept 25-Oct 2. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2...

LAST CHANCE

HALLEY'S COMET IN HISTORY: Ends Mon. Finishing tomorrow, prints and drawings by Turner, Dürer, and Otto Diez. British Museum, Montague Place, London WC1 (01-636 1555)...

For ticket availability, performance and opening times, telephone the numbers listed...

Theater: Tony Patrick and Martin Cropper; Concerts: Max Harrison; Films: Geoff Brown; Photography: Michael Young; Galleries: Sarah Jane Checkland; Opera: Hilary Fianck Rock & Jazz: Richard Williams; Dance: John Percival; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse

Reeling in off the radical fringe



She was nicknamed the grandmother of the French new wave cinema when she was only 30. She was the figurehead of the French women's movement in the 1970s. Now aged 58, Agnès Varda - a self-confessed "fringe film-maker" - is, despite herself, on the verge of commercial success with her latest work Vagabonde...

Agnès Varda, the alternative voice of French cinema, gets a taste of box-office success

Film-making, she says, consists of only a few hours' inspiration but then a few months of filming and a few months of editing followed by endless struggles with technical problems, promotion work and debts...

in 1961; feminism, she believes, is a question of fashion. "Fashion varies and it is less chic nowadays to be feminist, especially for men. But the revolution is like the French Revolution, you can't go back. The decolonization of women, like the decolonization of countries, has been done. You can't go back to colonialism..."

ARTS DIARY

Princely secrets

Publishing coup it may have been... but executives at Weidenfeld's will be dismayed to hear there is a deeper and far more revealing correspondence from the Duke of Windsor waiting in the wings...

Crest-fallen

Who produced Chariots of Fire? Why, Goldcrest, of course. No, cries an outraged Jack Weiner of Allied Stars - we did. Allied who, you may well ask, which is what makes Weiner tear out his hair...

Silver to gold?

Recently Arts Diary revealed that veteran film director David Lean was, at 78, to direct a new movie. Now it can reveal the subject: Joseph Conrad's novel Nostromo, about the corruption which...

Back on song

Followers of Steve Winwood, one of this country's most gifted rock musicians, will be relieved to hear the lad is still alive. There have been few sightings of him since his 1982 album Talking Back to the Night but at last there has been a new burst of activity...

Nicholas Powell

Vagabonde is at the Renou, Russell Square, formerly Gate Bloomsbury (01-837-8402) and Minerva (01-235-4225) from Friday.

Advertisement for the film 'RAN' by Akira Kurosawa, featuring a 3rd Sensational Month promotion and listing showtimes at various theaters like Curzon West End and Chelsea Cinema.

Advertisement for the film 'ZINA' by Ken MacMillen, featuring Domiziana Giordano and Philip Madoc, with showtimes at various theaters like Curzon West End and Metro.

Advertisement for 'Prophecy and Premonition' by Ken MacMillen, featuring Domiziana Giordano, Ian McKellen, and Philip Madoc, with showtimes at various theaters like Curzon West End and Metro.

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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Hollywood goes takes over street studios

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share 1382.9 (+8.9) FT-SE 100 1652.5 (+12.4) USM (Datastream) 120.93 (+0.67) THE POUND US Dollar 1.5277 (-0.0013) W German mark 3.3686 (+0.0013) Trade-weighted 76.0 (-0.3)

New deal by B & C

The British & Commonwealth Shipping Co has acquired for an undisclosed sum a 55 per cent stake in Stock Beech, a regional broker with an emphasis on private clients.

Bowater buy

Bowater Industries, the paper and packaging group, is expanding its building materials and roofing business.

RFD defence

The RFD Group, which makes parachutes and dinghies, launched its formal defence against the £24.9 million bid from the plastic sheet manufacturers, Wardle Stores.

£20m offer

BM Group, a quoted subsidiary of C H Beazer, the builder, yesterday made a £20 million offer for Beauford Concrete Machinery.

Lex sale

Lex Service is completing the sale of its two remaining transport businesses.

USM debut

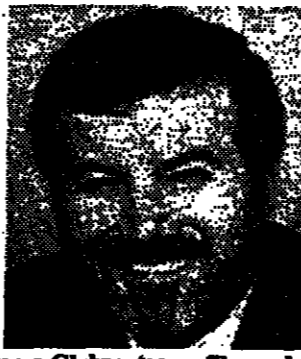
The Monotype Corporation is joining the Unlisted Securities Market through an offer-for-sale by Phillips & Drew.

£227,000 pay

Mr Patrick Sheehy, chairman of BAT Industries, the tobacco, paper and financial services company, was paid £227,000 last year.

Screen Entertainment sold to Cannon for £175m

By Jeremy Warner Business Correspondent Screen Entertainment, Britain's largest film company and the owner of the ABC cinema circuit and Elstree film studios, yesterday changed hands for the second time in a month.



Menahem Golan (left) and Yoram Globus: 'some film and cinema rationalization inevitable'

Cannon, the Hollywood film conglomerate, signed a £175 million deal to buy the company from Mr Alan Bond, the Australian financier who only last month bought Screen Entertainment from Thorn EMI for £110 million.

Cannon already owns the Classic and Star cinema chains which, added to the 287 ABC screens owned by Screen Entertainment, would give it nearly 40 per cent of the British cinema market.

Mr Golan said he would be reinvesting some of the profits on the deal, which he estimated at £40 million after costs, in a 6 per cent stake in Cannon and would be joining the company's board.

Glynwed in £23m agreed bid

Glynwed International, manufacturer of consumer and building products, yesterday launched an agreed £23.2 million bid for Brickhouse Dudley, which makes manhole covers and drainage pipes.

Mr Richard Graves, chairman and chief executive of Brickhouse, said Glynwed had appeared to be the most compatible partner and would have been sought as a white knight in the event of any other bidder.

Glynwed is offering a nine-for-25 share swap worth 149p, with a 131p cash alternative. Brickhouse shares rose 23p to 149p, up from 95p on Tuesday when Glynwed made its first approach.

The two companies have complementary product ranges of cast iron pipes and drainage products and the acquisition will strengthen Glynwed's distribution network in the North.

Brickhouse is forecasting a 5 per cent increase in pretax profits to £1.8 million for the year to March 31, including losses estimated at £900,000 from the E W Avenat civil engineering business.

STC sells control of £60m plant

STC, the troubled telecommunications and computer group, has sold control of its Foote Cray semiconductor complex in Kent to LSI Logic, a Californian semiconductor manufacturer, and a number of unnamed industrial investors.

STC is retaining a 10 per cent stake in the £60 million wafer fabrication plant which, it said, would seek further financial support.

Lord Keith of Castlecre, STC's chairman, revealed the deal at the company's annual meeting in London yesterday. STC's recovery was well under way, the outlook was encouraging, and progress towards this year's operating profit targets was better than expected, he said.

UK reserves best for four years

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent Britain's gold and foreign currency reserves rose last month to their highest level since February, 1982.

The reserves have increased by a total of \$786 million in the first four months of this year, almost recouping the \$941 million fall in the final three months of last year when the Bank of England used reserves to help push down the dollar and to support the pound.

The reserves stood at \$18,987 million (£12,222 million) at the end of April, compared with \$18,750 million (£12,686 million) at the end of March. Before adjustments the rise in the reserves was \$237 million.

The pound yesterday edged down 10 points to \$1,527.77 in London, although this was up on its overnight position in New York. The sterling index fell 0.3 to 76.

Sweet war turns bitter

The sweet war intensified yesterday as Dixons denied Woolworth's claim that confectionery suppliers would be hit if Dixons' £1.5 billion bid succeeded.

Dixons argued that as Woolworth had 840 stores in 1984, compared with Britain's 245,000 confectionery shops, reducing the number of Woolworth stores selling sweets would have a trivial effect.

Dixons described Woolworth's market share - 10,000 tons a year - as infinitesimal compared with total 1985 UK sales of 730,000 tons.

Allied and Whitbread to link wine operations

Allied-Lyons, the brewing and food group, and Whitbread, the brewer, are to amalgamate their table wine operations in a jointly-owned company with net assets of £52 million and a prospective annual turnover of about £270 million.

It would create a big new business with sufficient resources to compete effectively in world light wine markets against increasingly international competition, the companies said.

Allied has just signed a contract to buy for £1.2 billion the wines and spirits division of Hiram Walker Resources, the Canadian conglomerate. The venture with Whitbread was a further development of its international strategy, Allied said.

The new company, which will include British wines and spirits wholesaling, will bring together Allied's Grants of St James's and Whitbread's Stowells of Chelsea. Grants claims to be Britain's biggest wine shipper while Stowells is market leader in the boxed wine market.

Whitbread will also inject into the company its European interests, Calvet and Langenbach. Allied and Whitbread already have a joint operation in JR Phillips, the wines and spirits agency.

The aim is to have the new company operational by June but it is subject to there being no reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission for investigation.

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Only 10 major players may survive Big Bang

Gazing into the murky future beyond October's big bang has become a favourite City parlour game and there are about as many opinions as there are self-appointed soothsayers.

One of the few points of general agreement is that size is what will count in London's capital markets and that conditions will only allow a handful of giant institutions to hold the field.

Philip Wilkinson, group chief executive of National Westminster Bank, put the point succinctly in his speech yesterday to the David Hume Institute conference in Edinburgh: "If London follows the same path as New York there will be, in five years' time, 10 major players with 60 to 70 per cent of the business".

The analogy with New York's experience since "Mayday 1975" can never be exact, given the many differences between its markets and London's. But as both clients and providers of financial services increasingly favour complete financial packages the emphasis on sheer

size, diversity and capital strength looks inevitable for any serious competitor in capital markets anywhere in the world.

Mr Wilkinson was at pains to reiterate NatWest's view that it was choosing a middle course between developing in-house expertise - the Lloyds Bank approach - and the highly expensive acquisition of brokers and dealers - the Barclays approach.

The forecast of 10 major players after five years, assuming the figure includes foreign as well as British institutions, implies some fairly spectacular casualties. It also implies a rapid growth in the gap between large and small operators. There will probably always be room for small, well connected businesses like Cazenove and Lazard in the new markets, but anyone aiming to be a "niche" player will need quicker wits than before.

After all, today's niche market may see the big players moving in tomorrow.

PCW suit may seek triple damages

By Allison Eadie Lloyd's names on loss-stricken PCW syndicates will sue for triple damages in the United States this summer, if a satisfactory offer has not been made by Lloyd's and 37 other defendants.

With syndicate losses expected to rise to £200 million or more, triple damages could be more than £600 million.

A letter written to PCW names yesterday by a steering committee, chaired by Lord Goodman, said that AUA3, the agency appointed by Lloyd's to manage the PCW syndicates, had instructed American lawyers to prepare a complaint on behalf of names as soon as possible.

AUA3, whose chairman is Sir Ian Morrow, has been working very closely with the names' steering committee.

The names have decided to pursue their case in the United States because the American definition of fraud is wider than the British interpretation and because the Racketeer Influence and Corrupt Organizations Act gives the statutory right to triple damages.

The names also believe they have a good case for arguing that Lloyd's should have been registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission in order to sell Lloyd's membership to American names.

A draft writ was drawn up in Britain this year and shown to all potential defendants. A standstill agreement on litigation between the names and defendants was extended until the end of September, but names said they would sue by July 1 if satisfactory progress had not been made.

AUA3 would like to see the standstill agreement extended to the US on the same basis as in Britain. Although Lloyd's has expressed willingness to work towards a market solution to the syndicates' losses, which the names argue were largely caused by fraud, it wants to see the latest accounts for the estimated losses.

AUA3 is working on the figures, but does not expect them to be ready until the end next month. The last published accounts showed estimated losses of £130 million.

High street's best buy

Stanley Kalms has an impressive reputation as a retailer who can read the signs and is surrounded by a group of men dedicated to the Dixons' quantum leap.

Dixons' successful acquisition of Currys in December 1984 demonstrated good thinking, foresight and opportunism in equal measure.

Dixons' holly contested bid for Woolworth Holdings is an initiative of an altogether higher order. As Mr Kalms has written in the offer document: "The huge profit potential of the high street space (7.5 million sq ft, little short of Burton-Debenhams and conspicuously exceeded only by Marks and Spencer's 8.9 million) occupied by Woolworth stores" is waiting to be unlocked.

Dixons' ambition is to unlock it and Mr Kalms believes Dixons has the professional skills and resources to do that whereas the Woolworth management does not.

Woolworth contends that Dixons knows how to play only in the lower high street divisions. The new alliance between Geoffrey Mulcahy, managing director, and Sir Kenneth Durham, chairman in succession to Sir John Beckett, have not only to defend Woolworth's record in the three years since Paternoster's coup formally severed the group from its American-owned and British-mismanaged past, but also to convince their shareholders that the benefits should and will accrue to them, rather than Dixons if they remain loyal.

What is already palpably clear is that Dixons will not carry the day with its present offer, worth 676p a Woolworth share standing in the market at 845p. On their own figures, Dixons' directors, if they were determined enough, might justify to

themselves and their own shareholders a bid as high as £12 a share. Much of the argument will centre on the validity of Dixons' figures in the sense of justifying in the eyes of Woolworth shareholders the extraordinarily high rating of Dixons' shares (40 times historic earnings). This is the carefully prepared platform from which Dixons has launched its bid.

Woolworth is seeking to damage it with loaded questions about acquisition accounting post the takeover of Currys. Dixons has countered with the lofty statement that they are "retailers not financial engineers", but not yet with supporting figures.

There is little doubt that Woolworth is worth at least its current market price: the group offers one of the most outstanding, perhaps even the most outstanding, opportunity in the high street, coupled with valuable and growing businesses (Comet and B&Q) out of town. Another bid from a different source is not inconceivable.

The opportunity is greater than it was three years ago in that the management which then took over has done much of the demolition work and shifted resources from FW stores to B&Q to considerable effect. The progress made is highlighted in a delightfully ironic way by the fact that SG Warburg, the merchant bank acting for Dixons, acted for the original Woolworth company against Paternoster. It strongly urged shareholders to take Paternoster's cash - a monumental misjudgement, rapidly seen as such by Warburg Investment Management who proceeded to buy shares in support of the new regime.

There is still a long way to go before this issue is settled.

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with columns for STOCK MARKETS, CURRENCIES, and INTEREST RATES. Includes data for New York, London, and various interest rates.

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

Table with columns for RISES and FALLS. Lists price changes for various companies like Magnet & Southams, MK Elect, etc.

Professions must fall into line, says SIB chief

By Lawrence Lever A head on clash between the Securities and Investments Board, and the professions looks likely after the SIB's chairman, Sir Kenneth Berill, gave a warning yesterday that the professions must bring themselves within the regulatory regime proposed for the City.

Professional bodies such as accountants, solicitors and surveyors have voiced concern over the power the SIB will have to substitute one of its own rules for theirs.

They are also concerned that the requirement that professional bodies must seek recognition from the SIB to exempt those of their members who give investment advice from authorization as investment businesses will lead to changes in their rule books.

In a strongly worded speech at the David Hume Institute in Edinburgh yesterday, Sir Kenneth said that the principle of equal protection of investors in all markets must extend to those receiving advice from professionals.

Oppenheimer Unit Trust statistics for the year to 1st April. Table showing Trust, Percentage increase in value, Position and total number in sector. Includes text: 'Above we show the performance of our ten unit trusts, 5 of which are in the top 50 of all 739 authorised unit trusts.'

WALL STREET

New York (Agencies) - Wall Street prices opened higher yesterday in active trading. The Dow Jones industrial average, which fell 6.40 to 1777.78 on Thursday, was up 6.44 to 1784.22 shortly after the market opened. Advancing issues led declining issues by 588 to 364 among the 1,409 issues crossing the New York Stock Exchange tape.

Table of stock prices for various companies including AMR, AIG, Allied Signal, and others. Columns include company name, price, and change.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table of foreign exchange rates for Sterling Spot and Forward Rates, Other Sterling Rates, and Dollar Spot Rates.

COMMODITIES

Table of commodity prices including London Commodity Exchange, London Metal Exchange, and Meat and Livestock Commission.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Table of money market rates and gold prices, including Euro Money Deposits and Gold prices.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Table of investment trust prices and changes, categorized by High/Low and Price/Change.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table of London financial futures prices for various contracts like Three Month Sterling, Six Month Sterling, etc.

CANADIAN PRICES

Table of Canadian stock prices for companies like Alcan, Inco, and others.

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Large table of financial trust prices and changes, including various investment trusts and their performance.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Extensive table of unit trust information, listing numerous trusts, their managers, and current prices.

TEMPUS

Coloroll would bring mugs into fashion

The burden of proof in the Coloroll Group bid for Staffordshire Potteries now rests with the mug manufacturer...

side to £30 million a year, and further smaller ceramics purchases are likely...

BM Group

CH Beazer may be preoccupied with the integration of French Kier, which it acquired last year...

Benford has a poor record. Profits fell from a peak of £3 million in 1981 to £986,000 in 1984...

Monotype

The Monotype Corporation, the latest new issue on the USM, will be welcome to the extent that it provides punters with a vehicle for investing in Fleet Street's changing ways...

COMPANY NEWS

TORDAY AND CARLISLE: Total dividend of £3.50 for 1985. Turnover £14.25 million (£13 million). Pretax profit £618,000 (£486,000)...

FLOGAS: The board has arranged, subject to shareholders' approval, to raise about £2.92 million by placing 1.85 million new ordinary shares at 160p each...

DRAYTON CONSOLIDATED TRUST: Interim dividend 2.75p (2.5p) for six months to March 31, 1986. Net revenue before tax £2.1 million (£2.19 million)...

RUSH & TOMPKINS: Second interim dividend of 6.25p for the 15-month period to March 31, 1986. This makes a total so far of £4.3p (a total of £5.9p was paid for the year 1984)...

MANGANESSE BRONZE: The company has completed the purchase from Minerals Separation of the remaining 50 per cent of North Derbyshire Metal Products (maker of aluminium powders) for £100,000...

BANRO INDUSTRIES: Mr Edward Rose, the chairman, told the annual meeting: 'We have made a satisfactory start to the year in line with our overall group budget'...

PROPERTY TRUST: The trust plans to raise about £2.26 million, before expenses, by an underwriting rights issue of 113,222 million new 'A' ordinary shares at 20p each on a three-for-two basis...

PARK FOOD GROUP: The group has acquired 68.4 per cent of Warrington-based Lamb & Wain for £30,400 cash. Lamb, which is a compounder and wine and spirit merchant, had sales of £2.9 million in the year to the Sept. 30, 1985...

FRIENDS PROVIDENT LIFE OFFICE: The merger between Friends Provident and United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution is not to be referred to the Monopolies Commission...

BENWICK GROUP: No dividend (nil) for 1985. Turnover £42.73 million (£38.35 million). Pretax profit on ordinary activities £2.55 million (£951,000). Earnings per share 15.8p (5.1p)...

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Shares stirred by bids and US interest in blue chips

The stock market staged a rally yesterday, after Thursday's shakeout, but business levels were sharply reduced by the holiday weekend...

which followed Prudential's hefty cash-call. Jaguar climbed 19p to 495p, helped by US buying, which was in turn encouraged by the chairman's cheerful comments at Thursday's annual meeting...

Benford Concrete put on 2p to 83p on the first and final offer from BM Group, which was 17p lower at 236p. Coin Industries returned from suspension at 102p, up 7p, on the offer from Burgess Group...

higher at 183p and Hartwells, 7p to the good at 113p. Roberts Adlard was suspended briefly, but closed 20p firmer at 250p, following a surprise bid from Bowater...

RECENT ISSUES

Table with columns for EQUITIES, RIGHTS ISSUES, and various stock prices and changes.

Allied-Whitbread venture

Biggest wine company set up

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

The launching of a jointly-owned production and marketing company for table wines, announced by Allied-Lyons and Whitbread yesterday, will create what is said to be the biggest wine company in the British market...

are to compete successfully. IDV, part of Grand Metropolitan, is another British wines and spirits operation which has developed strongly worldwide...

a turnover of about £270 million, handling more than 13 million cases of wine a year. It will include wines and spirits wholesaling in Britain. Total net assets will be £52 million...

voured light wine against beer, although the rate of increase eased to just under 10 per cent last year.

It also signals a big push into international markets, with European expansion the first priority. The launch comes after the prospective purchase by Allied-Lyons, the brewing and food group, of the wines and spirits division of Hiram Walker Resources, the Canadian conglomerate...

Whitbread, like Allied-Lyons one of Britain's top six brewers, already has substantial overseas interests with Calvet in France and Langenbach in West Germany.

Allied's operations are slightly the larger with a turnover of about £148 million. The combined workforce will be about 1,200.

'We are trading in an increasingly competitive international environment, and we are both convinced that the pooling of our resources in this way gives us the strongest possible base from which to develop further our trade in the wine markets of the world.'

Its brands include Courvoisier cognac and Kahlua and Tia Maria liqueurs.

Creation of the joint company, subject to it not being referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, will bring together Allied's Grants of St James's and Whitbread's Stowells of Chelsea.

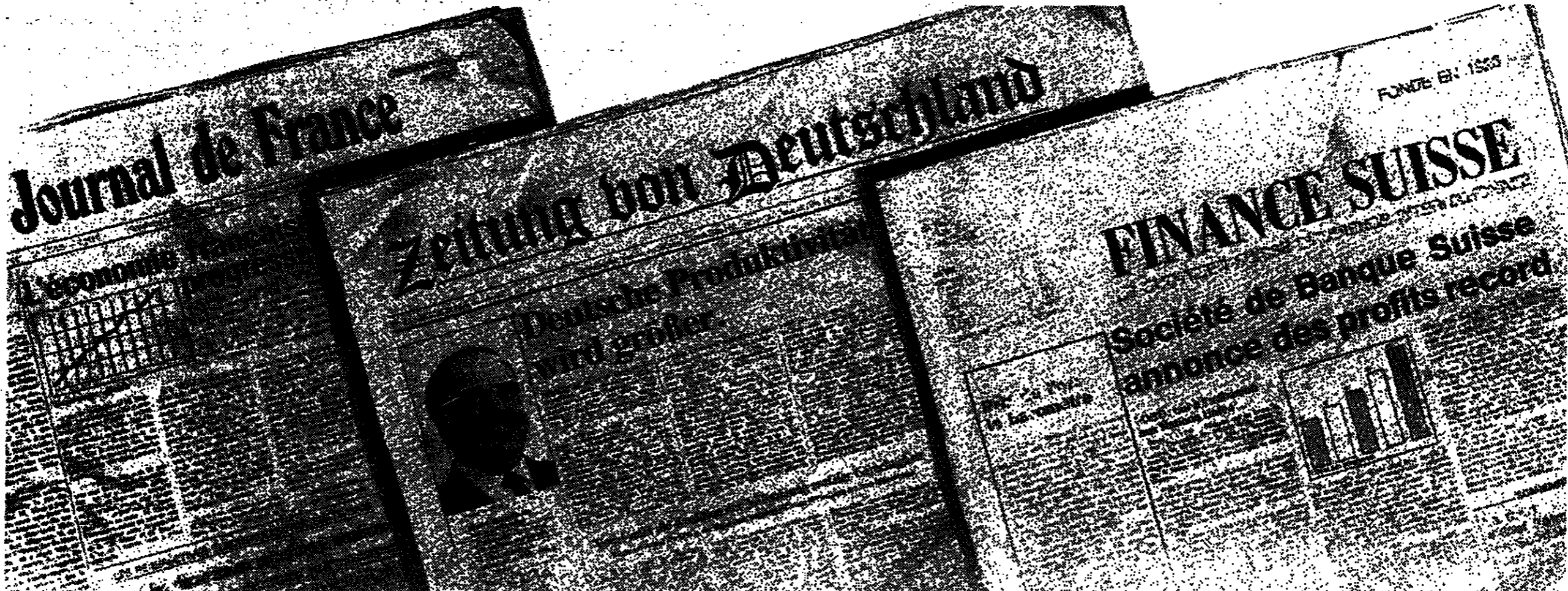
Grants claims to be the biggest wine shipper in Britain. The joint venture is expected to account for about 15 per cent of the British wine market.

The table wine market has recently been the biggest growth area in Britain for alcoholic drinks. There have been annual growth rates of between 15 and 20 per cent since taxation changes favoured light wine against beer...

Wines and spirits is increasingly becoming a business in which companies need to operate internationally if they

The new company will have

Mr Sam Whitbread, chairman of Whitbread, said that the move would mean greater choice for Allied and Whitbread customers.



IT SEEMS THEY'RE TALKING OUR LANGUAGE.

There's one word that's common to most of Europe at the moment. Profits. Because with European markets rising 39%* on average last year, there's no mistaking the potential...

THE VOICE OF EXPERIENCE. Our new fund will invest primarily in the major markets of Continental Europe in high-yielding equities (mainly of larger companies), bonds and convertibles...

NEW LAUNCH EUROPEAN INCOME & GROWTH FUND. SAVE & PROSPER. Includes a form for investors to fill out.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Equities rally

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began April 28. Dealings end May 9. Contango day May 12. Settlement day May 19. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Portfolio Gold

From your portfolio card check your eight share price movements. Add them up to give you your overall total. Check this against the daily dividend figure published on this page. If it matches you have won outright or a share of the total daily prize money stated. If you are a winner follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming.

Table with 3 columns: No., Company, Group. Lists various companies like Coca-Cola, Wadsworth, etc.

Weekly Dividend table with columns for days of the week (MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT, SUN).

BRITISH FUNDS

Table with 3 columns: High, Low, Price. Lists various funds like Shortcuts (Under Five Years), Five to Fifteen Years, etc.

Table with 3 columns: High, Low, Price. Lists various funds under the heading 'OVER FIFTEEN YEARS'.

Table with 3 columns: High, Low, Price. Lists various funds under the heading 'UNDATED'.

Table with 3 columns: High, Low, Price. Lists various funds under the heading 'INDEX LINKED'.

Table with 3 columns: High, Low, Price. Lists various banks under the heading 'BANKS DISCOUNT HP'.

BREWERIES

Table with 3 columns: High, Low, Price. Lists various breweries like Albert Lyons, etc.

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

Table with 3 columns: High, Low, Price. Lists various building and road companies like Aberdeen Const, etc.

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Table with 3 columns: High, Low, Price. Lists various chemical and plastic companies like AAO, etc.

CINEMAS AND TV

Table with 3 columns: High, Low, Price. Lists various cinema and TV companies like ABC, etc.

DRAPERY AND STORES

Table with 3 columns: High, Low, Price. Lists various drapery and store companies like Debenhams, etc.

ELECTRICALS

Table with 3 columns: High, Low, Price. Lists various electrical companies like BSC, etc.

FINANCE AND LAND

Table with 3 columns: High, Low, Price. Lists various finance and land companies like Abbey, etc.

FOODS

Table with 3 columns: High, Low, Price. Lists various food companies like Asda, etc.

HOTELS AND CATERERS

Table with 3 columns: High, Low, Price. Lists various hotel and caterer companies like Holiday Inn, etc.

INDUSTRIALS A-D

Table with 3 columns: High, Low, Price. Lists various industrial companies like A-D, etc.

INDUSTRIALS E-K

Table with 3 columns: High, Low, Price. Lists various industrial companies like E-K, etc.

INDUSTRIALS L-R

Table with 3 columns: High, Low, Price. Lists various industrial companies like L-R, etc.

INSURANCE

Table with 3 columns: High, Low, Price. Lists various insurance companies like Axa, etc.

LEISURE

Table with 3 columns: High, Low, Price. Lists various leisure companies like BHS, etc.

MINING

Table with 3 columns: High, Low, Price. Lists various mining companies like Anglo, etc.

MOTORS AND AIRCRAFT

Table with 3 columns: High, Low, Price. Lists various motor and aircraft companies like BSA, etc.

NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLISHERS

Table with 3 columns: High, Low, Price. Lists various newspaper and publisher companies like News, etc.

OIL

Table with 3 columns: High, Low, Price. Lists various oil companies like BP, etc.

OVERSEAS TRADERS

Table with 3 columns: High, Low, Price. Lists various overseas trader companies like Anglo, etc.

PAPER, PRINTING, ADVERT'G

Table with 3 columns: High, Low, Price. Lists various paper, printing, and advertising companies like News, etc.

PROPERTY

Table with 3 columns: High, Low, Price. Lists various property companies like BHS, etc.

SHIPPING

Table with 3 columns: High, Low, Price. Lists various shipping companies like BSA, etc.

SHOES AND LEATHER

Table with 3 columns: High, Low, Price. Lists various shoe and leather companies like BHS, etc.

TEXTILES

Table with 3 columns: High, Low, Price. Lists various textile companies like BSA, etc.

TOBACCO

Table with 3 columns: High, Low, Price. Lists various tobacco companies like BSA, etc.

Portfolio Gold advertisement with details on daily and weekly dividends and claims required.

Handwritten signature or mark at the bottom of the page.

FAMILY MONEY/1

Edited by Lorna Bourke

ACE



Abbey National's magazine: Unfair to its readers?

The bad Abbey habit

Parents who think they are teaching their teenage children financial discipline by opening a building society account for them may be in for a shock if they choose the Abbey National.

The latest copy of the society's ACE magazine, sent free to about 250,000 teenage account holders, contains an invitation to spend £6.99 a month on "The New You Beauty Programme", which promises "a brand new parcel of famous name cosmetics every month" along with "colour beauty books from the experts" - all at great savings, of course.

The loose colour advertisement is enticing to teenage girls. On the front cover are pictures of three Plain Janes who are transformed into glamorous nymphets with "model girl looks", presumably after graduating from the New You Beauty Programme.

The inside display features a range of powders, sprays, brushes and blushers that would grace any chemist's counter. To respond to the advertisement, placed by a firm called Kingfisher Publishing, of Kettering, Northamptonshire, a teenager sends no money, but pays if she likes the goods or returns them if she is not satisfied.

Further beauty packs at £6.99 each come every month on the same basis, although the advertisement says membership of the programme can be cancelled at any time.

It seems strange, and not a little irresponsible, that one of our biggest building societies should be allowing itself to be used for marketing techniques of this sort.

According to the Wall's Pocket Money Monitor on television's Pocket Money Programme, £6.99 is roughly what a teenager might receive in pocket money every month. Without any approval from a parent, a girl would be able to send for goods that would eat up her entire spending money and possibly some of the hard-earned savings she has tucked away in her Abbey National account.

Once the cosmetics arrive, it becomes hard for any parent to tell her daughter that they have to go back. And once they start dropping through the letterbox every month, it becomes ever harder to "drop out" of the programme before it finishes. Even if a parent agrees to a daughter following the course, there is no indication of when it will end, allowing

Kingfisher to send its cosmetics for ever and a month.

Andrew Kerr of Abbey said the society is very selective about which advertisements it accepts to help defray the costs of ACE, a glossy 24-page publication with the usual mix of teenage articles on pop, fashion and sport. Alcohol and cigarettes are strictly forbidden. However, Mr Kerr said there have been no complaints about The New You Beauty Programme.

He told The Times: "I'm sorry if it has caused offence to anyone because it's not our intention to encourage children to spend money in a way their parents would not want them to. The offer has been in ACE three times and the general level of reaction has been quite favourable."

However, The Times has been able to strike one blow for responsible advertising aimed at youngsters. Mr Kerr said that from now on he would insist that all "offers" for The New You Beauty Programme would require an adult's signature before any goods could be sent.

Richard Lander

How you can get justice even from your lawyer

This week saw a £50,000 payout to Leslie Parsons, who made news a while ago as the man whose solicitor overcharged him by £131,000.

The £50,000 represented a settlement by the Law Society of a case bought by Mr Parsons on the grounds it had failed to investigate his complaint against his solicitor properly.

There are ways of checking that your solicitor has not charged you too much, and guidelines laid down stipulating the factors he is entitled to take into account in working out your bill.

The relevant provision which is worth remembering is the Solicitors Remuneration Order 1972. And your most important right in checking your solicitor's bills is to ask him to apply for a remuneration certificate from the Law Society.

The first thing to realize is that the Solicitors Remuneration Order applies only to non-contentious matters, such as conveyancing or drawing up a will, drafting a set of trust documents etc. It does not apply to contentious matters such as litigation where in effect your solicitor is fighting or opposing another party on your behalf.

It stipulates various yardsticks which a solicitor can use to work out your bill. Mostly, these are commonsense matters such as the complexity of the work, the time it took to do it, whether it involved work at unusual hours, such as weekends or nights, and the level of responsibility it required. The overriding requirement laid down by the order is that the solicitor's charges must be fair and reasonable.

There is nothing wrong with asking your solicitor for an estimate before he starts work on your behalf. Ask also who

Remember, too, that the amount of time spent on your problem is a tremendously important factor. Constant telephoning with trivial inquiries will usually cost money, as will idle chit-chat.

Much will depend on your relationship with the particular firm - whether you use it regularly or are likely to be a one-off client. The valued, regular customer generally gets better treatment.

As many solicitors operate a time-costing system charging personnel out at so much per hour, you should, once you have found out who is to deal with your matters on a day-to-day basis, ask how much he or she costs per hour. Very few people dare ask this.

Figures are often banded

Unpaid bills can accrue interest

about as to how much per hour solicitors cost, some ridiculously low, some high. Ask your own and you will find out. The range is wide.

You always have the right to ask your solicitor to get a remuneration certificate from the Law Society, stating what the society thinks is a fair and reasonable charge for the work done. It does not cost anything - even where the Law Society backs up the bill, or says it is less than it could legitimately have been. However, the bill cannot be increased.

However, an estimated one and a half million non-contentious matters are dealt with by solicitors every year. The answer therefore is to ask for a certificate only if you genuinely feel you have been overcharged.

If you do not pay your bill the solicitor cannot take legal action against you until informing you of your rights, which include an alternative method of challenging the bill.

You then have a 28-day period of grace in which to apply for the certificate. If you fail to do this within this period then you forfeit your rights. The solicitor can charge interest on the unpaid bill after this period.

The alternative which is also available where your solicitor has been handling a contentious matter for you, is to have the bill "taxed" by a High Court officer known as a taxing master - it has nothing to do with the Inland Revenue.

This can cost money. If the taxing master does not knock at least 20 per cent off the bill you generally have to bear the costs of the taxation. The taxing master can increase the bill if he thinks you have not been charged enough. He must also report the solicitor to the Law Society if he thinks you have been overcharged by more than 50 per cent.

Lawrence Lever

Another satisfied customer

Another insurance broker has been found to be negligent in advising his client to invest in the ill-fated Signal Life Gift Bond and the customer has been awarded a full refund of her original investment, plus interest and costs.

It is another victory for the Signal Life Investors Action Group (SLIAG), which is pursuing claims on behalf of its members who lost money when the Gibraltar-based company collapsed in 1982.

A Mrs Missen in Sussex was awarded her full capital investment of £5,000 plus interest at the maximum 15 per cent and her costs against broker Paul Benson, of Edenbridge, Kent. The firm belongs to the British Insurance Brokers Association (BIBA).

"Not one investor who has taken legal action against their broker has failed to obtain satisfactory settlement, and well over 50 investors have now been compensated by their brokers," said John Potter, co-ordinator of SLIAG. "It seems that using a BIBA broker has been a positive disadvantage for some investors. Some BIBA brokers seem to be delaying compensating their Signal Life clients on the basis that it would prejudice their claim against their professional indemnity insurers, whereas many of those investors who placed money through unregistered insurance consultants have now been compensated by their brokers."

Signal Life collapsed owing investors £6 million. The investors in the gift fund which had no trustees have successfully pursued claims against their advisers, who, they say, were negligent in not establishing that there were no trustees to it.

Watch the tax man - he may get it wrong

INLAND REVENUE

In recent weeks taxpayers will have received assessments for unpaid tax or returns to be completed. But how do you know whether the amount being asked for is correct?

Unfortunately, it is not uncommon for tax inspectors to make mistakes when determining our tax bills and this is hardly surprising given the tremendous backlog of work with which they are faced. The latest figures show that in October 1985 there were 6.2 million unanswered letters and some inspectors had more than 600 letters which were more than two weeks old waiting to be answered.

The problem of taxpayers who believe their tax affairs to be in order only to be faced with an unexpected tax demand was considered by the Ombudsman in 1971. As a result of the Ombudsman's report the Inland Revenue introduced an extra-statutory concession to cover such cases.

Under the terms of the concession, tax may be wholly or partly waived if there has been a failure by the Revenue to make proper and timely use of information supplied by the taxpayer. In other words, the concession applies if the unexpected demand for tax arises from the Revenue's error or delay.

The concession applies to arrears of both income tax and capital gains tax. According to Inland Revenue figures the concessionary relief was given in 5,365 cases in 1983 with a total of £1.3 million in tax being remitted.

But this does not mean that the concession is a charter for

saving tax in any case where the taxman makes a mistake. As the Ombudsman pointed out in his report: "A universal rule providing for remission of tax wherever an underpayment... was attributable to Departmental error would not only be inconsistent with the statutory provision but would be unfair to the general body of taxpayers who had been paying the full tax due from them under the law."

As a result of the concession treatment will be refused unless the taxpayer can demonstrate that he could reasonably believe his affairs were in order. In practice this can be the greatest stumbling block as the Revenue is likely to argue that the taxpayer should have been aware his affairs were not in order.

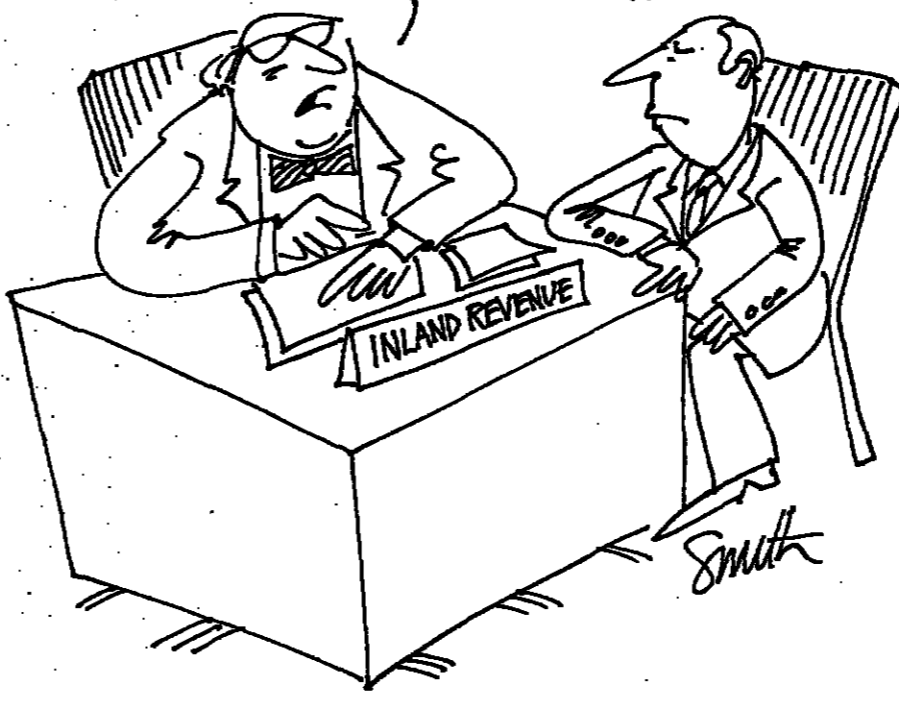
In particular, any taxpayer who is professionally advised, or who himself has a working knowledge of tax law, will be hard pressed to obtain the relief as the Revenue will almost certainly argue that he should have known his tax affairs were not in order.

A Revenue spokesman said there are no hard and fast rules

The aim is to avoid causing hardship

and every case is judged on its merits. And as the relief is purely concessionary there is little that can be done if the relief is refused. A typical case where the concession might be applied would be a pensioner whose pension is increased with the full knowledge of the Revenue but because of administrative delay the tax is not collected for a number of years.

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Another instance where a claim for the concessionary treatment might succeed would be where during the changeover to the MIRAS system of mortgage relief a taxpayer was given tax relief twice, once in his notice of coding and once through MIRAS.

However, the concessionary relief would be given only if it could be demonstrated that the taxpayer was not aware that excessive mortgage relief was being given perhaps because the building society omitted to inform him that his mortgage payments had been reduced because of the changeover to MIRAS.

The intention of the concession is to provide a measure of relief in cases where an unexpected demand causes undue hardship and the amount of relief given will depend on the level of the taxpayer's gross income (see table).

If a taxpayer has a gross income of £8,500 or less the whole of the arrears will be remitted and tax will be partially remitted provided gross income is not more than £23,000. Special consideration may be given where a taxpayer with large family responsibilities has income just above the normal limits.

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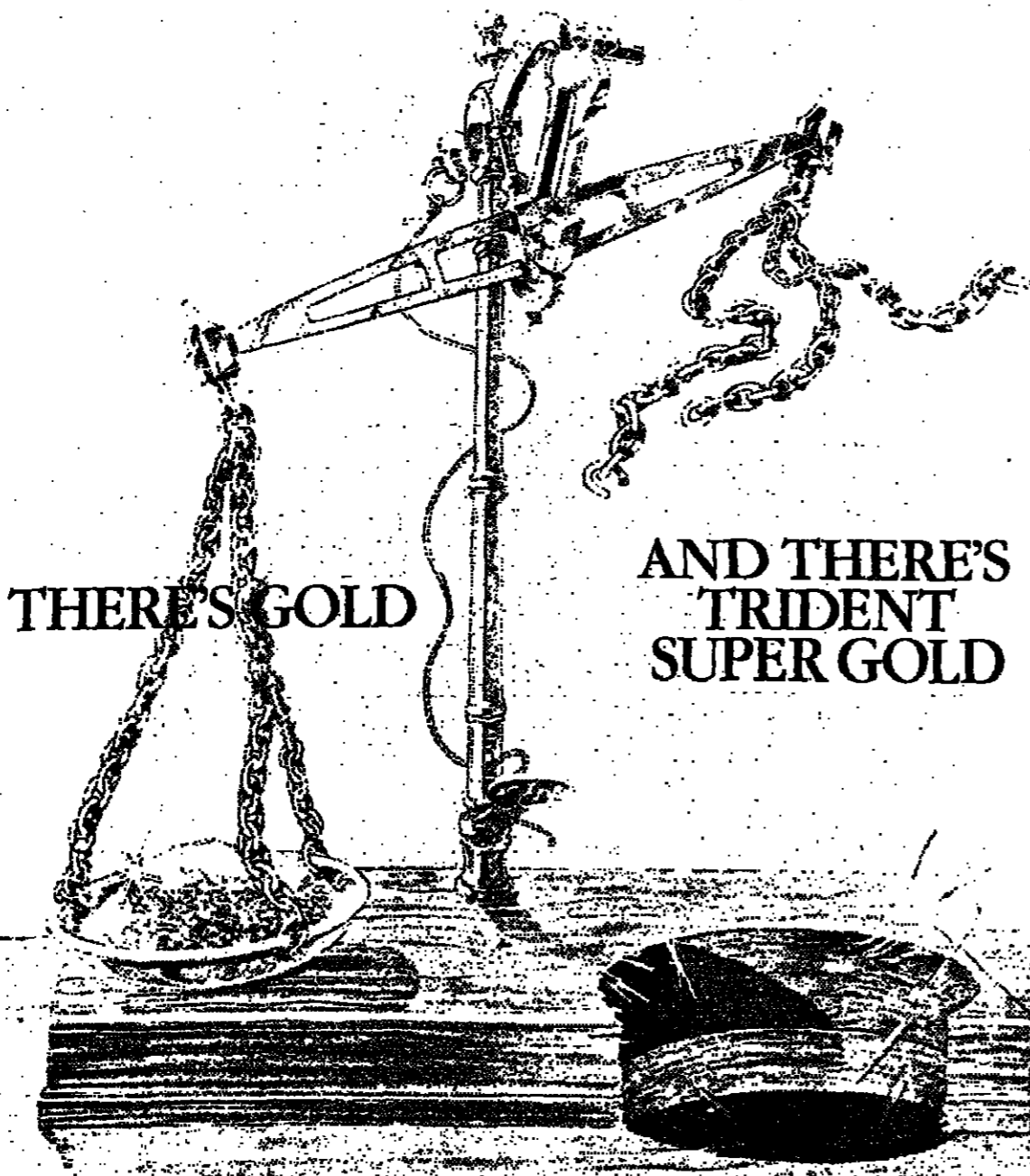
waived if gross income is £11,000 or less and is partially excused on incomes up to £25,500.

A colleague, Stephen Say of accountants Stoy Hayward, summed up the problems that are faced in practice: "Although the Inland Revenue is genuinely sympathetic, most cases fail because the taxpayer cannot prove he had reasonable grounds for believing his affairs were in order."

Brian Friedman

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Gross income	Fraction of Arrears	
	Collected	Remitted
£8,500 or less	None	All
£8,500 to £10,500	25%	75%
£10,500 to £13,500	50%	50%
£13,500 to £16,000	75%	25%
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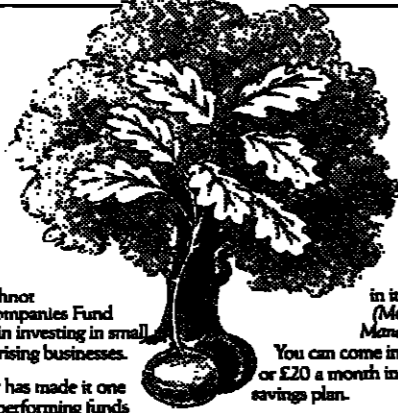


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America beckons again

UNIT TRUSTS

For the past two weeks European institutional investors have been hearing one man's view of what Wall Street has in store for them this year. The man was Burton M. Siegel, chief investment guru of American investment bankers Drexel Burnham Lambert. The message: the great steam engine known as the American economy is about to start moving and the US share market will be pulled along behind.

From Zurich to London and Paris to Amsterdam, Mr Siegel told his clients it was time to get on board the train before the Dow Jones Industrial Average, currently in the late 1700s, moved forward to hit the 2,100 mark by the end of the year.

So is this the right time for small investors to be climbing into one of the many American unit trusts available? The answer from fund managers is a guarded yes. However, they say there appears to need to rush into the sector tomorrow and they warn that the returns, while quite healthy by historic standards, are unlikely to be of the startling size recorded by the best-performing unit trusts in many stock markets during the past year.

Investors who had their money in American funds in the past year know only too well that getting the currency factor right is just as important as picking the best-performing stocks. Because, while the Dow Jones average steamed ahead by some 45 per cent during the past 12 months, the dollar fell off its lofty perch and landed with a great bump. The pound's rise from \$1.23 to \$1.55 meant that more than half of that market rise was wiped out when it came to repatriating the profits - unless of course a fund hedged its earnings by selling forward in the currency markets.

One trust that hedged its commitments almost to the

final cent and penny was the aptly named Gartmore Hedged American Fund. As a result it gained 31.4 per cent on an offer-to-offer basis to place its third best performer in the sector. However, it seems unlikely that this type of blanket hedging will reap such benefits for investors this year. Most expert opinion says that the dollar at long last is finding its feet and should stabilise or perhaps improve a little. For the first time in recent years American goods can be priced at sensible levels in overseas markets while imports to the United States are losing their competitive edge.

"The dollar is now looking at the cheap end of the range and is at a reasonable level which should help America reduce its trade deficit," said Brian O'Neill of Gartmore.

Mr O'Neill admits that a rising dollar would hurt investors in the hedged fund. However, he is also able to pull from his other sleeve the other Gartmore American fund which at the moment is half hedged and half unhedged. This trust rose 25.1 per cent over the last year, still comfortably above the 16.5 per cent sector average.

Over at Touche Renmant, William Vincent has now deduced the TR American Growth Fund which fared best of all during the past year with a 50.4 per cent rise. "We were hedged 70 per cent for most of last year till the end of the

'The dollar is at a reasonable level'

— then we gradually cut down by leaving the size of the hedge unchanged as the fund grew from £1 million to £4 million," he said.

Mr Vincent, who also expects the dollar to bottom out pretty soon, seems to be picking his shares wisely as well. In unhedged form, the TR Fund has risen 22 per cent in the past three months by jumping into and out of the



Wall Street: It's all starting to happen, say the experts

market where opportunities presented themselves. New issues, such as investment bank Morgan Stanley and the M.S. Carriers trucking firm, have brought sizeable gains which have a marked effect on a trust as small as this one.

The fund has also fared well in financial stocks, such as savings banks, brokerage houses and fund management groups, which have rocketed ahead as American interest rates have fallen. Now Mr Vincent is looking at issues more sensitive to an economic upturn, although he says Wall Street may take a bit of a breather before moving higher from mid-summer when corporate earnings should begin to rise.

Mr O'Neill is also expecting a rise in the market in the second half of 1986 and said

the Dow Jones average should make 2,100 by the end of the year. However, he warns that investors should not expect too much more than that because the American economic recovery is a selective one. "The recent housing fig-

Technology is back in favour

ures were good but the oil and farm sectors are still looking negative. Also there are likely to be fewer leveraged buyouts and mergers than we saw last year."

One area at which both Mr Vincent and Mr O'Neill are now looking with more favour is technology, an almost unmitigated disaster last year after the boom days of the early 1980s.

The trauma was so bad that one fund group, Sentinel, revamped and broadened its technology trust, renaming it the American Technical and General fund. The high risk unlisted stocks have gone and the technology weighting is down to 15 per cent with secondary growth stocks filling much of the portfolio.

Hoping against hope that he has not moved out of technology at the wrong time, Sentinel fund manager Hugh Young said: "I think the worst is over for the technology sector but stocks in this group will still have the problem of not having enough resources to take projects beyond research and development."

While he does not expect any fireworks with his new policy, the results have been encouraging so far with a 15 per cent rise since January after a 25 per cent nosedive last year.

US UNIT TRUSTS

	3 mths	1 yr	3 yrs
Abbey American Growth	171.0	121.4	164.4
Abbey US Emerging Cos	109.0	108.0	
Allied Dunbar Am Spec SR	107.9	113.8	152.1
Allied Dunbar Sec Of Amer	114.5	128.2	162.8
Arbuthnot Portfolio US	118.5	100.7	
Atlanta American Spec Gwth	110.0	110.9	116.4
Atlanta Canadian	115.4	110.2	115.9
Baltic America	110.0	117.6	152.2
Barclays American	111.1	117.9	151.6
Baring First N American	111.2	112.7	114.6
Barrington North American	118.5	133.9	
BG America	110.9	110.4	124.9
Bridge American & General	112.6	110.7	116.0
Britannia American Ss Cos	108.4	122.7	154.5
Britannia American Growth	102.3	117.5	
Britannia American Income	114.5	125.6	153.6
Brown Shipley N American	96.6	78.8	105.3
Canada Growth	116.3	120.5	
Canon North American	115.6	124.1	124.5
County Bank North American	109.7	119.0	
Crown American	117.4		
CS America	125.5		
Dunelm North America	114.8		
Dunelm Star North America	113.0	130.3	112.4
Equitable North American	115.4	120.8	
Equity & Law North America	111.0	111.0	130.8
F&G American Equity Income	110.3	116.3	
Fidelity Amer Equity Income	110.8	111.5	
Fidelity American Spec Sits	115.0	108.9	106.0
Fidelity American	119.3	122.2	136.2
Fielding American & General	111.0	111.6	147.0
Framlington American Gen	112.1	122.8	134.9
Framlington American Trnd	113.7	122.7	138.6
GAM North America	109.0	122.6	
Gartmore American	114.5	125.1	132.8
Gartmore Hedged American	119.3	131.4	
Govett American Growth	115.6	118.7	
Govett American Income	102.3	122.8	
GRE North American	111.8	118.1	154.4
Greenland American	118.2	120.1	
GT Technology & Growth	102.9	94.4	84.9
GT US & General	114.5	122.0	127.5
Guinness Macon N American	112.8	108.9	132.9
Hambros Canadian	110.0	111.0	
Hambros North American	111.4	113.5	
Henderson Amer Ss Cos	107.3	108.8	110.8
Henderson American Rec	108.1	112.3	140.6
Henderson North American	107.1	110.8	133.4
Hill Samuel Dollar	110.9	116.6	123.4
Holborn North American	122.7		
James Capel North American	115.5	106.9	143.2
Lawson Amer Amer Gwth	111.0	127.4	
LAS North American Equity	117.4	126.8	
Lawson American Growth	104.8	103.9	
Legal & General North American	113.4		
Lloyds Bank North American	108.0	112.8	128.0
Lloyds Libs US Growth	110.2	112.4	
London & Manchester America	117.1		
M&G American & General	110.6	123.5	136.2
M&G American Recovery	111.8	121.4	157.5
M&G American Smaller Cos	114.1	128.4	
Manulife North American	112.4	115.8	
Mercury American Growth	108.9	123.7	155.8
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MIM US Special Features	115.6	108.5	
MIM US Special Income	106.1	115.3	
Murray American	106.3	115.0	156.5
New Court America	107.9	125.1	110.4
NPI America	111.5		
Oppenheimer American Gwth	114.6	126.4	
Perpetual American Growth	115.9	123.7	
Proffice American Income	112.4		
Proffice North American	113.9	124.1	147.4
Prov Capital North American	110.8	121.6	
Rowan America	112.0	122.2	128.6
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Schroder US Smaller Cos	112.9	111.2	
Scott Equitable American	111.5		
Scott Life American	108.5	108.3	
Scott Mutual North American	111.4	114.3	
Scottish North American	105.8	110.5	
Scottish North American Income	104.2		
Sentinel American Technology	113.7	83.0	71.9
Sentinel American Majors	115.1	127.4	
St Vincent US Growth	113.1	108.5	
Stewart Ivory American	112.0	122.0	142.7
Sun Alliance North American	111.2	114.7	
Sun Life American Growth	124.5		
Sun Life American Income	116.9		
Target American Eagle	107.2	108.9	105.8
Target Technology	104.3	105.1	
TR American Growth	122.3	150.4	148.9
TSB American	115.4	121.4	150.4
Tyndall North American	103.7	115.7	
UK Provident N American	110.7		
Vanguard American & Gen	113.9		
Wardley American	107.4	111.0	141.4
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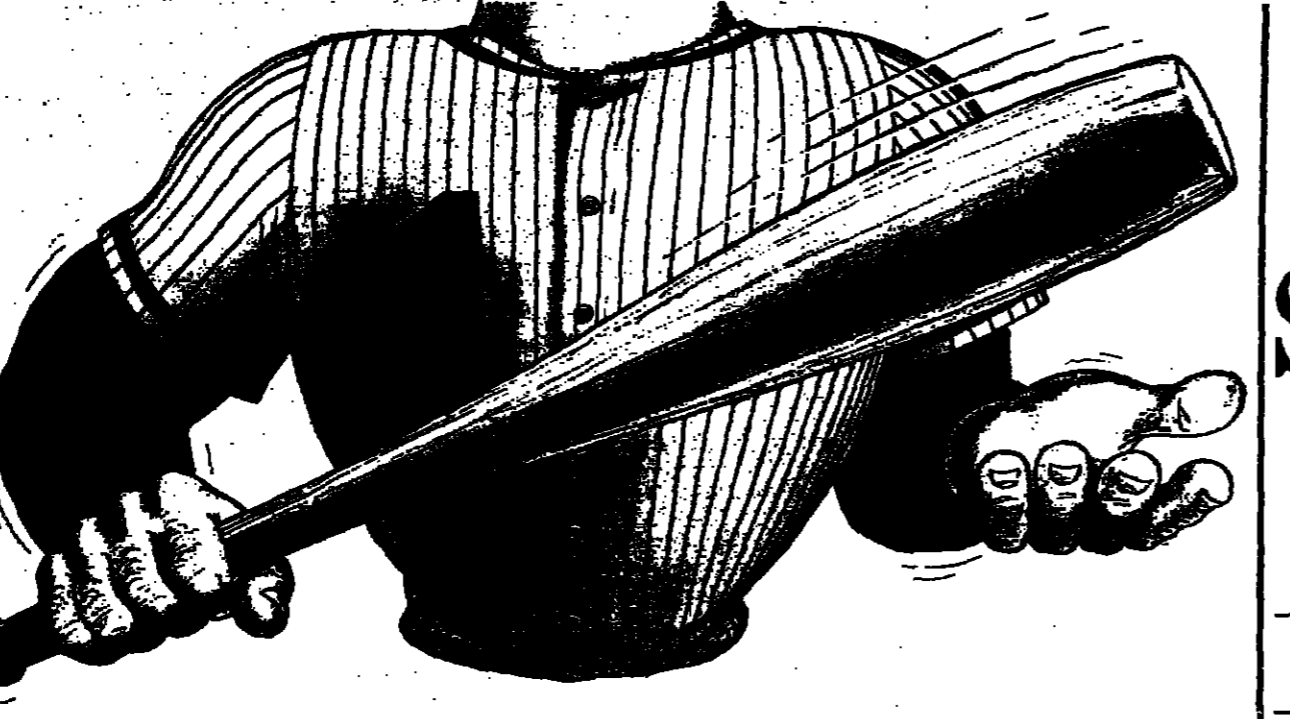
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UK gains in land of the rising yen

UNIT TRUSTS

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Even in a period when stock markets worldwide have been hitting records almost daily, the performance of the Japanese market has been rather special. In March, the market rose by more than 16 per cent.

The Nikkei-Dow Jones Average Index hit a peak of 15,859.7 on March 31. It has run into profit-taking during April, mainly on concern over the effects on Japanese industry of the yen's strong rise. Even so, it was less than 1 per cent below its end-March peak this week.

The strength of the Japanese market and the yen's rise against sterling have been reflected in the performance of Japanese unit trusts. The top-performing trust in the three months to April 1, according to *Planned Savings*, was County Bank Japan

Growth. Calculated on an offer-to-offer basis it recorded an increase of 47.6 per cent in the first quarter of this year.

Similar strong rises were recorded by Britannia Japan Performance, up 47.1 per cent; Target Japan, 45.9 per cent; CS Japan, 41.2 per cent; Oppenheimer Japan Growth, 41 per cent, and Wardley Japan Growth, 40.6 per cent.

There are several reasons the Japanese stock market should be set for a good upward run in the medium term. One, as a paper from the Tokyo office of stockbrokers Jardine Fleming points out, is the weight of money in the system which is available for stock market investment.

There are several parts to this argument, some to do with institutional changes in Japan, others with the return home of funds, for example, those invested in US bonds, often with fingers burned by the abrupt shift in sentiment in the currency markets from the dollar to the yen.

The Japanese government has limited the issue of deficit-financing bonds, as part of its desire to rein back long-term debt. The result is that many domestic investors have been

virtually forced into equity investment.

Some observers expect the government's self-imposed restraint on bond issues to break down in the coming weeks, with a big issue of so-called construction bonds. Even so, that will leave plenty of liquidity for stock market.

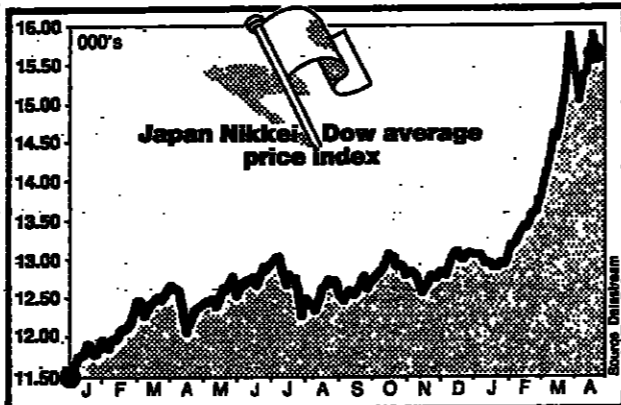
Another important institutional change, according to Jardine Fleming, is the evolution of the *Tokuda* funds, a type of discretionary fund through which corporations can invest a proportion of their assets in securities. This proportion is now 3 per cent, but it may increase to 6 per cent, again providing a new source of funds for the market.

The biggest potential for the Japanese stock market may, however, lie with the small investor, at least in the longer term. Japanese small investors are very active in the market, turning over their portfolios quite rapidly. Housewives are active investors. Small investors account for 60 to 70 per cent of stock market transactions.

But, as in other countries, the proportion of stocks held by the small investor has suffered a postwar decline. Individuals held 61.3 per cent of listed stocks in 1950, but by 1983 this had fallen to 26.3 per cent.

This is despite the fact that individuals in Japan save a very high proportion of income - nearly a fifth. The problem is that there are significant tax incentives associated with small savings accounts in banks and post offices. These accounts attract around 54 per cent of Japanese savings.

But reform may be on the way to remove the tax relief, known as the *Maruyū*, on these small savings accounts.



Tokyo exchange: Frenetic activity has been reflected in Japanese unit trusts performance

And one result of this could be to divert more funds in the stock market's direction.

At present, about 18 per cent of individual savings are channelled directly into the stock market, with evidence of increased interest in equity investment, even under the current tax regime. Tax reform, although politically difficult, promises to provide a source of funds for the Japanese equity market in the future.

There are two big question marks over the Japanese market

and no growth in the US economy, the main export market. Sure enough, the yen is heading for 160 but growth in America is coming through reasonably well.

In addition, Mrs Choy thinks the pressure of the elections will mean that the government will try to push the exchange rate back to about 180, after it has got the Tokyo economic summit out of the way. She predicts a rise in the stock market of about 10 per cent in the remainder of this year.

Stephen Barber, of MIM, saw his Japan Performance Trust suffer slightly in March, because the stock market boom was most dramatic in large companies, and the trust has a high weighting of smaller companies. The trust has caught up in April, and Mr Barber is optimistic about the performance of the market, which he thinks will generate more for UK trusts than currency gains.

In the next few weeks, though, the market may pause as evidence of an economic slowdown comes through, because of the yen's sharp rise. The government's response to this, he thinks, will be to stimulate the economy, both through further interest rate cuts, and a big package of inflation measures in the summer, paid for by the issue of construction bonds.

Effect of elections for the parliament

ket. One is the effects of the yen's sharp rise on export-based Japanese companies and on the economy in general. The second is the effect of the impending double elections to the Japanese parliament, the Diet.

There has been a general shift away in relative stock market strength from export-based companies to those relying most on the domestic market. But Pauline Choy of M & G thinks this has been overdone, and that export-based companies are now a good buy.

This is because, in their own plans, these companies were allowing for a more pessimistic outlook, with a yen of 160

David Robins, of Phillips & Drew, says 1986 is a watershed year for Japan, and warns against expectations of a return to old-style, export-led growth.

He says: "Equity market participants could be naive in expecting a recovery in the export sector in late 1986 or 1987. It would seem that Japan will no longer be able to depend on export-led expansion out of the present downturn in growth. Rather, equity market participants should be

Watch out for any signs of strain

focusing on the domestic benefits of appreciation."

The shift to a domestically based economy to reduce Japan's politically embarrassing trade surplus, which could rise to \$80 billion this year, helped by lower oil prices, is a target of the government. Earlier this month a report by the Maekawa Commission recommended a series of measures to bring about such a shift.

In the Japanese way of things, such adjustments can take place smoothly, and should not stand in the way of a strong stock market. But investors should keep watch for any signs of strain that emerge.

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THE PARAKEET AND THE PERILS OF LIVING IN THE STICKS.

THE jungle steamed after yet another deluge of scalding rain. Chameleons, who had stopped to shelter beneath the overhanging leaves, changed from amber to green and moved off again. The young parakeet looked happy. He was gradually recovering from the excesses of his stag beetle night. And now he was putting the finishing touches to his love nest. Very soon, the boughs of the giant banyan tree would echo to the patter of tiny claws. With a squawk of contentment, he spread his wings and flew down through the dripping branches. Swooping low, he picked out a particularly fine stick with his beak and returned to his perch. He puffed out his brilliant green chest feathers in pride as he brought the final stick to rest. And taking his beloved by the claw, he carried her triumphantly over the threshold. But then something seemed to stir. He looked again. Sure enough, the whole nest appeared to be alive. To his astonishment, it was edging slowly but inexorably along the branch. Then it leapt from the tree and scuttled into the undergrowth, taking the two love birds with it. A wise old macaw was gazing down sympathetically. "Stick insects," he muttered. "An easy mistake to make." The City is a jungle, too. Here, too, things aren't always quite what they seem to the untrained eye. With the resources and the experience of one of the UK's largest investment management organisations, Mercury can provide you with just the discerning judgment that you need. For the details of our ten unit trusts, please write to: The Client Services Director, Mercury Fund Managers Ltd., 33 King William Street, London EC4R 9AS (01-280 2800) or contact your usual financial adviser.



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Eyes down for the bargains and the snags

CARPETS

Sorting out the good shares from the bad looks like a doddle compared with sorting out the good guys from the baddies in the rug trade.

Oriental carpets can obviously be a sound investment, but the pitfalls are horrendous.

Even talking to the different sides of the trade you find there is fierce rivalry, if not bitchesness. The sort of carpets you might buy divide into three rough groups: exquisite expensive rugs which will never be put on the floor, middling carpets which you can use with care, and unpretentious floor coverings which can nevertheless still hold their value.

Antique carpets are most highly prized. Caroline Bosly, a carpet broker, says: "People feel that an antique carpet has proved itself, but it will cost more. It's a better investment to grow your own antiques."

"Get a reliable person to help you choose your rug. Then walk on it, play on it and let the puppy wee on it as long as you have a bottle of soda on hand to douse it with."

But David Black, a carpet dealer who has a shop in Holland Park, west London, disagrees: "The new carpets that we sell will go up in value but not so dramatically as the antique things."

And Sotheby's carpet expert Stephen Wolff says that if your puppy wets a carpet "you can forget it".

Caroline Bosly takes her

clients to the International Oriental Carpet Centre (IOCC) at the Highgate end of Gospel Oak, north London, to look at thousands of new carpets laid out in piles in this bonded warehouse.

She works on a commission basis, taking just a few per cent of the price of the carpet from clients. The carpets have no price tags, but the range is from around £150 to £3,000.

Mr Black is, however, dismissive of the carpet selection in the bonded warehouse. He says: "A lot of people are being taken around the warehouse and sold carpets made of chemical dyes. I wouldn't touch most of the stuff with a bargepole. It's ugly. They have no taste. You can see mountains of boring rugs at these warehouses."

Where else can you go to buy rugs? One thing that

'Export cancellations completely bogus'

almost everyone agrees about is the fly-by-night auctions run from hotel rooms or other temporary premises. The sales are usually said to be special one-offs due to bankruptcy or the rise in shipping insurance.

But experts claim that there is very little investment value in these rugs.

Caroline Bosly agrees: "Cancelled export orders sold off near an airport are completely bogus. Very often the auctioneer will be misleading and say, for instance, that a rug is from Iran when it is a



Caroline Bosly, with a background in carpets, says you need expert help

Pakistani copy. You have no redress. People have paid higher prices at these auctions than they would at Harrods."

I went to an auction in Hampstead on a Sunday afternoon. The prices certainly were cheap. Some carpets were just £50 - but how can you tell if the buyer was genuine rather than the auctioneer's stooge? The auctioneer was not keen to talk about his trade.

He said: "I don't want to give my name. I have enough publicity. There is so much jealousy in the business. It is

because we are so much cheaper than the shops."

There are also those who do not have a good word to say for the reputable auction houses. "The big auction houses have been asking high

£28,000 price for Wagner's carpet

prices," says Mr Black. "They have been left with large numbers of lots unsold."

Sotheby's says that at times 30 to 40 per cent of its rugs have been left unsold. But at the recent big Islamic sale only 22 per cent of the carpets were unsold.

Sotheby's has big antique carpet auctions in April and October, and smaller, less expensive sales throughout the year. The next is on July 30.

At the recent sale the cheapest carpets went for around £600. The two most expensive were £28,600 - a Heriz carpet belonging to Richard Wagner (estimated price £15,000 to £25,000) and a mid-16th-century Persian carpet (estimated price £40,000 to £60,000). "The carpet market is very difficult," said a spokesman.

One advantage of buying a carpet through a shop or gallery such as Mr David Black's is that you can take it home to try it out in your house. "We have never lost anything in 25 years," says Mr Black. Both he and Caroline Bosly will sell carpets that have been bought from them.

"My company provides a shoulder to lean on," says Caroline Bosly. "I invented the job of carpet broker, so it's not difficult to get a monopoly. You should never buy a rug purely as an investment, but it is nice to know that something

you buy is getting more valuable as you use it. But don't spend the grocery money on it."

If you want to be able to sort out the Baluchis from the Bagamas, then you should start by reading the books - such as Caroline Bosly's *Rugs to Riches* or David Black's *World Rugs & Carpets*. Then set about looking at the real things.

The department stores such as Liberty and Harvey Nichols are good for browsing. Then pick your expert - unless you can really tell a vegetable dye from a chemical dye, spot a carpet that has had a "alk wash", which is a chemical treatment, and pinpoint where a carpet was made.

The right choice may make you rich

The copies from places such as Pakistan will never have any real value. The best carpets come from Persia (or Iran), Turkey, the Caucasus, Afghanistan and China.

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In most cases switching from a repayment to an endowment mortgage makes a lot of financial sense, but the smart home owner is switching from either of these two types to a pension mortgage if he possibly can.

Many mortgages are receiving invitations from their building societies to switch from repayment to endowment at no extra cost.

But if you have self-employed earnings or you are in a job with no pension you really should consider the third pension mortgage option. Now there is no longer tax relief on endowment mortgage premiums, pension mortgages are by far the most tax efficient way of buying a home for the self-employed or company director.

Unfortunately, anyone in "pensionable employment" — a member of a company pension scheme — does not qualify. But read on for various ways of joining the bandwagon.

The beauty of a mortgage linked to a pension plan is that it enjoys three tax breaks compared with the endowment version which now only benefits from one tax break. The endowment version results in tax free cash at the end of the mortgage term and is designed to be able to repay the loan and also leave a pleasant lump sum over.

The pension mortgage can do this too, but unlike the endowment, the pension fund is free of all tax during the time it is being invested. So the saver benefits from the maximum investment growth. With an endowment policy the life office pays corporation and capital gains tax on the fund each year.

A pension mortgage's third tax bonus is that the contributions can be fully offset against income tax, from the basic 70 per cent right up to the top 60 per cent. This is even better than when endowment mortgages offered tax relief of half the basic rate tax only. (Before the 1984 Budget abolished the perk.) The top rate tax relief, as our table shows, makes pension mortgages the nearest thing to a licence to print money.

At the end of the loan period — and a pension mortgage cannot be made available until the borrower has reached a minimum of 60 — the loan is repaid from the commuted tax

free lump sum — as with an endowment mortgage, but on top of that there is a pension for life for very little extra outlay.

In our example we cite the results of taking out a with-profits pension mortgage with high flyer Target Life, assuming two annual growth rates for the fund of 10 and 15 per cent. Considering Target Life has managed an impressive growth rate in the last 10 years for its pension unit linked funds (see below), these look fairly conservative estimates.

There is a nil surplus in the 10 per cent annual fund for the second year because the £50,000 mortgage is paid off exactly, leaving £15,123 a year pension.

In the second more optimistic example, having paid off the mortgage there is a £22,021 lump sum remaining after paying off the mortgage plus a pension of £33,882. Obviously if our 40-year-old paid out more on the 10 per cent growth example he would have a cash surplus as well.

Many people are put off by the hassle and cost of re-mortgaging, but given that interest on loans currently range from as low as 10.5 per cent to as high as 12 per cent, it is worth considering. London-based financial consultant Fairchild's, recognising the vogue for re-mortgaging, are this week offering a free service to clients. Fairchild's will organise a highly competitive 10.75 per cent loan and will carry any legal and arrangement fees.

Anyone who is self-employed and on Schedule D can put up to 17.5 per cent of "net relevant earnings" into a personal pension plan and obtain tax relief on the premiums. All or part of such a plan can be linked to a mortgage. Incidentally anyone born before 1934 can put away up to 20 per cent.

If you work for a company with a pension scheme which allows "additional voluntary contributions", it may be possible to organize a pension mortgage, linked to these contributions.

One-man companies and company directors are in the most fortunate position because in their case the law doesn't insist the pension fund has to be divided into part pension, part cash at the end of the term. A company director can save for a tax free lump sum only, and therefore the cost of the exercise can be a lot cheaper pro rata.

It is also possible to take out a pension mortgage on a spouse's self-employed income if, say, the major earner has a company pension scheme.

It is also possible to arrange

a part endowment mortgage, part pension mortgage as a better-than-nothing alternative. This might be appropriate, if for example a wife has her own business making children's clothes on the kitchen table. Her earnings could finance the pension part of the mortgage and gain the extra tax relief denied to her other half's endowment mortgage.

Don't forget to consider also both partners splitting a pension mortgage between them. Although this won't make much difference to the mortgage part of the contract, if the partners are being taxed separately, they can benefit from their own tax relief entitlements as far as the pension and lump sum portions are concerned. A wife paying pension contributions in her own right will always earn a better pension than paying everything into the husband's pension plan and relying on the widow's benefits.

Another small, but important point to bear in mind is that a wife on schedule D should make some pension provision anyway, because come retirement it makes sense to take advantage of her "earned income allowance" thereby reducing the tax liability. A pension resulting from a

GRAHAM AND I SHARE A PENSION MORTGAGE — I COLLECT THE PENSION AND HE PAYS THE MORTGAGE.



Some self-employed earners are so tax efficient that they

gauge should you choose — "unit linked" or "with profits"? The consensus at the moment is that unit linked contracts have performed much better than with profits in the last 10 years or so.

Martin Palmer of Fairchild's, however, would suggest that with profits is safer for a short term policy because he says "you need a few years to do a unit linked policy justice and iron out the up and downs of the equity markets."

As with any with profits/unit linked policy choice, it very much depends on the saver's own attitude to risk and reward. A lot of people feel happy with a with-profits vehicle because it is lower risk — the annual bonuses are guaranteed once added to the fund.

There are no guarantees with a unit linked policy and the value of the policy can go down as well as up as a high proportion of the fund is directly affected by the fortunes of the equity markets. Don't forget you can always hedge your bets and do a part with profits/part unit linked policy.

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Sun Life Far East	3,505	486	Standard Life Equity	11,545	1,588
Standard Life Equity	3,337	475	City of Westminster Equity	11,038	1,315
Provincial Life	3,241	441	Lloyds Life Equity	10,891	1,500
With-profits policies					
London Life	2,516	345	Ecclesiastical	10,644	1,443
Ecclesiastical	2,282	310	Friends Provident	10,417	1,379
Scottish Equitable	2,253	309	Scottish Mutual	10,169	1,468
Equitable	2,257	341	Standard Life	9,814	1,428
Pearl	2,192	305	General Accident	9,741	1,318

Source: Money Magazine
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MONTHLY COST OF UNIT-LINKED PENSION MORTGAGE OF £50,000 AT 11% FOR SELF-EMPLOYED MAN AGED 40, REPAYABLE AT 65

Cost interest on loan	Pension premium	Total	Benefits after mortgage repaid				
			Projected growth	Projected Pension	Projected Surplus	Projected Pension	
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Gross	485.33	147.98	595.90	188,428	Nil	15,123pa	372,985
Net	378.58	105.07	475.05 (at 29% tax)			62,021	33,882pa
	348.33	88.78	429.21 (at 40% tax)				
	283.33	58.19	345.86 (at 60% tax)				

Pension figures: Target Life

plan performance table was Target Life's unit linked managed fund which produced £46,646 on premiums of £1,000 a year over 10 years.

Scottish Amicable's with-profits pension plan over the same period with the same £1,000 invested was the top performer at £34,220. The difference is palpable.

If you are able to pay a pension mortgage premium annually instead of every month there are two advantages. Most life offices charge an extra 3.25 per cent administration fee for monthly payments. Don't be put off by a cool reception from your local branch, bank or building society manager.

If he can't help there are plenty of other institutions out there which can. Generally speaking banks are more imaginative and flexible than building societies and the relatively new boys in the field like Chase Manhattan and Chemical Bank are good bets for more sophisticated arrangements.

Don't try to compare and contrast on your own. There are too many ifs and buts and angles.

Hilaire Gomer

Rebirth of the baby bond

Baby bonds are back. But they are not quite the bonny bouncing bargains plumped up with every tax advantage going that we saw before.

The Baby Bond Mark I issued by the Tumbidge Wells Equitable Friendly Society — a 10-year, tax-exempt policy written on the child's life — was withdrawn after just three months because the Inland Revenue was incensed at the success of these tax-privileged bonds.

More than 10,000 policies were issued, and another 3,000 were on the way. The Inland Revenue thought the figure was too high and that the friendly society was abusing its status as one of the old societies which could write these tax-exempt policies.

The new policies are not tax-exempt. The friendly society pays corporation tax and capital gains tax on the fund, although as qualifying policies the proceeds at the end of 10 years will be tax-free in the hands of the investors.

At the time of the launch of Baby Bond Mark I it was said that the tax exempt status would mean that gains of 10 per cent would be boosted to 15 per cent.

But now the people from Tumbidge Wells hint that returns on the new policy will not be very different from those of a tax-exempt policy. The start-up cost of the scheme can be offset against tax, capital gains are indexed and in a new and growing fund there will be few reasons to realize any gains.

These unit-linked funds will be managed by Kleinwort Benson, the largest merchant bank in the UK. Premiums for each policy are limited to £100 or £200 a year (or lump sums of £210 or £1,620).

But there is no limit of how many policies an adult can buy for any child, including his or her own. The proceeds of the policy belong to the child on maturity after 10 years and will not be aggregated with the parent's income.

On maturity the policy can be cashed in, or allowed to grow with or without new contributions.

The policy is written on the life of the child but by law there can be no pay-out beyond a return of premiums until the child is 10 — presum-

ably to stop infanticide of those too small to beat off attackers.

After 10 the policy pays out £750 for those policies with contributions of £100 a year and £1,500 for those on £200 a year.

An investment in a Baby Bond Mark II of £100 a year for 10 years is projected to grow to £1,533 assuming a growth rate of 10 per cent in the units and to £1,752 at a 12.5 per cent growth rate.

Units in the Dominion Growth Fund, will be mostly invested in equities.

The baby bond — (although they do not call it that) — on offer from the Manchester Unit-linked Friendly Society still retains its tax-exempt status.

The number of these policies runs into hundreds rather

than thousands, so the Inland Revenue has no qualms about the friendly society getting too aggressive in its marketing.

Ron Day of the Cambridge branch of the society said: "We obviously don't do a big push on it otherwise it might attract attention."

Ron Day of the Cambridge branch of the society said: "A new policy without tax exempt status would build up expenses in the launch so that they would not pay any tax for years. But it's a short-term view to say that it doesn't make much difference."

The Manchester Unity policy written on a child's life is limited to premiums of £100 a year. These are invested in a tax exempt account with the Northern Rock Building Society. Assuming a 12 per cent return, the investment would turn into £1,800 after 10 years.

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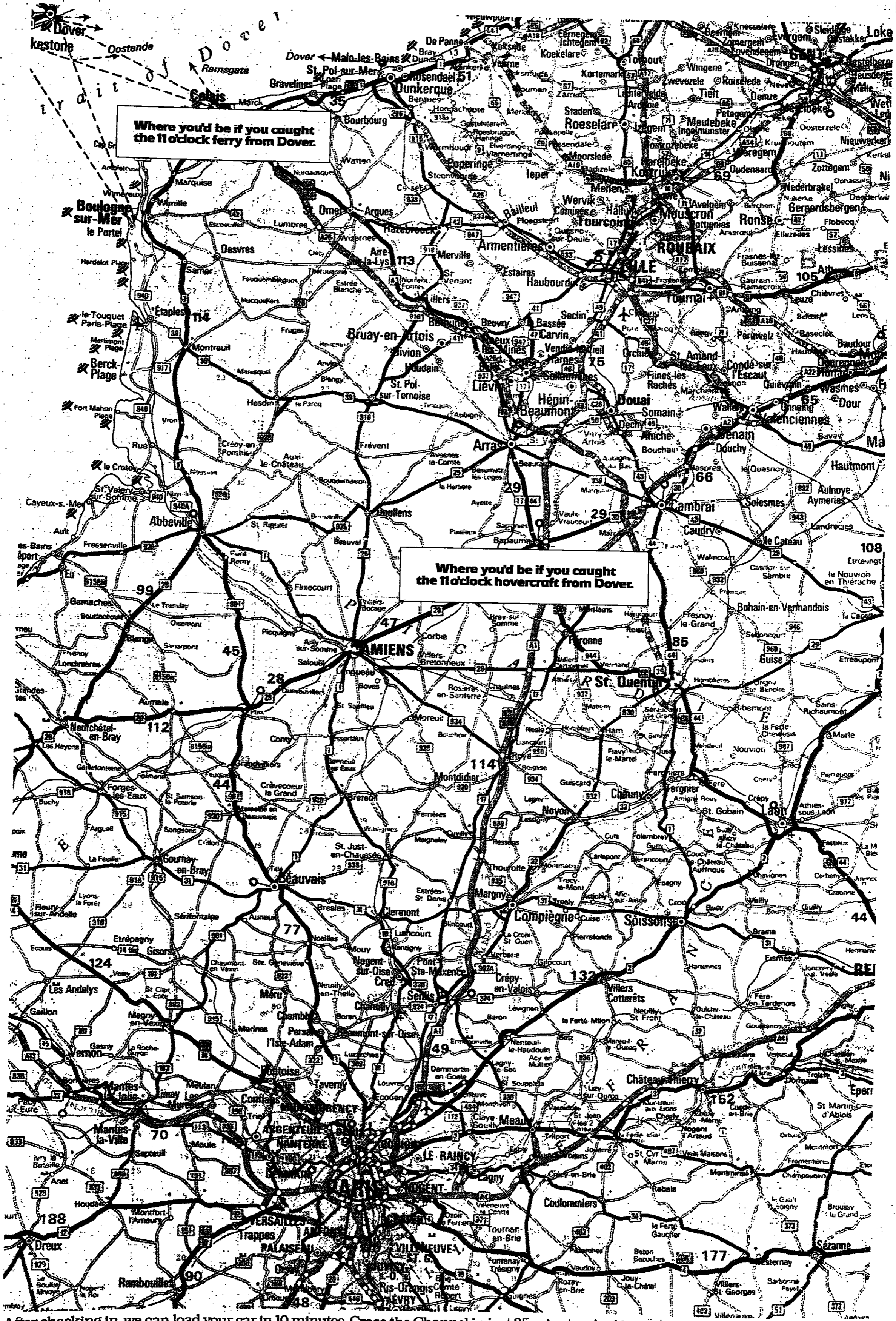
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Hahn's muscular morals

One hundred years ago a Jewish boy was born to a family in Germany who was to have an extraordinary influence on British education.

He was to become the founder and first headmaster of the school that educated the future king of England and his brothers, and the driving force behind the creation of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme and the Outward Bound courses.

He was, of course, Kurt Hahn. Born on June 5, 1886, he was born in Britain for establishing Gordonstoun, the public school in Scotland famous for its cold showers and outdoor pursuits, and for educating Prince Charles.

But Mr Hahn developed an international reputation with the founding of Atlantic College in Wales, which was to be the first of six United World Colleges, and for his influence on the concept of learning by experience.

His early life as a rebel in Nazi Germany left an indelible mark, infecting him with a passion for peace and for the brotherhood of man. To that extent his ideas are thoroughly contemporary and rational, but the intense compassion he felt for others was combined with a conviction that character was best tested by physical challenge, by pitting oneself against the elements and preferably risking death.

For a man who was himself physically frail, his emphasis on physical toughness was eccentric, if not downright old-fashioned. One wonders what it did for the characters of the shivering African and Chinese students in St Donat's Castle at Atlantic College who were made to swim at 7am in a cold swimming pool every day of the year?

Like many of his generation, Hahn despaired of the ways of modern youth. In 1962 he wrote an article in The Listener in which he said the young were exposed to six "declines": the decline in fitness, due to modern ways of moving about; the decline in skill and care, due to the weakened tradition of craftsmanship; the decline in initiative and enterprise, due to the widespread disease of specialism; the decline in memory and imagination, due to the confused restlessness of our civilization; and the west decline, the decline in compassion, due to the unseemly haste with which modern life is conducted.

In a bracing, and somewhat pompous recipe for reversing these declines, Hahn, a confirmed bachelor, advocated a kindling of the "non-poisonous passions". At puberty he went on, boys should develop the zest for building, the joy of research, the love of painting, music, or writing, the eagerness of adventurous enterprise. He added: "You should, in fact, satisfy the creative instinct and thereby forestall sexual impulses from monopolizing emotional energy."

Kurt Hahn was born 100 years ago. Lucy Hodges, education correspondent, looks at his influence on British education.

His round and otiose use of English suited the importance of his message. Boys (girls did not really enter into his scheme of things) should do athletics four times a week, he said. Second, they should go on expeditions; third, they should carry out a project of their choice; fourth, they should have an opportunity for "aliveness"; and fifth, they should be trained in a rescue service.

It is easy to poke fun at the hearty muscularity of Kurt Hahn's message. Alex Peterson, former director of the Institute of Education at Oxford who helped himself up to middle rank through diligence was more deserving, in his eyes, than the gifted child who did brilliantly.

He would have been pleased that students at Atlantic College continue with the life saving service which he began at the school because of his idea that the highest form of service was to save a drowning man from drowning. Barely Atlantic College opened, he said that the rescue service would have a place of honour in the timetable "uniting members of different nations through the common bond of active humanity".

He would certainly have approved of the college's emphasis on moral and political education - peace studies, for example. Hahn learnt his political lessons the hard way, having been arrested in 1933 by the Nazis after telling former students of Salem, the school he established in Germany, that they had to choose between Hitler and Salem.

Seventeen days after Hitler came to power he made a speech in which he outlined what was good and bad in fascist education and the dangers it held for his country. But Hitler sent a telegram of congratulation to two Nazis who had been arrested for stamping to death a Communist. This outraged Hahn and he took the action which was to lead to his arrest.

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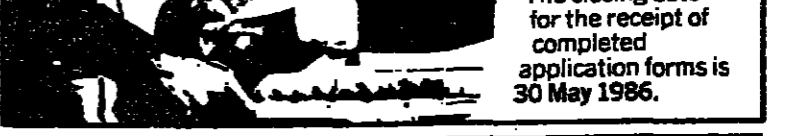
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BIG RACE RUNNERS

3.0 GENERAL ACCIDENT 2,000 GUINEAS (Group 1; 3-y-o; £107,145; 1m) (15 runners)

Table listing race entries for the General Accident 2,000 Guineas, including horse names, jockeys, and trainers.

FORM: ALSHINFAHAR (2-2) won 2 from Strong Commitment (2-2) 7 ran. ... Selection: HUNTINGDALE

NEWMARKET

Televised: 1.46, 2.15, 3.0. Going: good. Draw: no advantage.

Table listing race entries for the Philip Cornes Nickel Alloys Maiden Stakes at Newmarket.

2.15 LADBROKES HANDICAP (3-y-o; £9,614; 7f) (10)

Table listing race entries for the Ladbrokes Handicap at Newmarket.

FORM: SPERRY (2-11) 2nd best in 11 to Green Desert (2-7) 6 ran. ... Selection: SPERRY

Newmarket selections

- 1.45 Melody Maker. 2.15 Native Oak. 3.0 Sure Blade. 3.35 Prince Sabo. 4.5 Paean. 4.35 Asswan. ... 2.15 Mister Wonderful. 3.0 DANCING BRAVE (nap).

3.0 GENERAL ACCIDENT 2,000 GUINEAS (Group 1; 3-y-o; £107,145; 1m) (15)

Runners and riders - see above. 3.35 PALACE SHOW STAKES (Group III; £15,118; 5f) (13). ... Selection: PRINCE SABO

4.5 CULFORD STAKES (3-y-o; £4,240; 1m 4f) (9)

Table listing race entries for the Culford Stakes at Newmarket.

4.35 TURN OF THE LANDS HANDICAP (ES, 672; 1m 2f) (12)

Table listing race entries for the Turn of the Lands Handicap at Newmarket.

First of season for the Queen

The Queen had her first success of the season, and her first ever at Carlisle, when the aptly-named Northern Meeting and refused to enter the stalls on her intended fourth start. ... Blinkered first time

RACING

Sure Blade has class to cut Dancing Brave down to size

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

The outcome of today's General Accident 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket should lie between Dancing Brave, Sure Blade and Huntingdale, the three who have dominated the ante-post betting during the run-up to the race.

While conceding that there is a good reason for so many to believe Dancing Brave will remain unbeaten following that authoritative win in the Crown Stakes over today's course and distance 16 days ago, I feel that the 2,000 is a race for the mature - the likes of Sure Blade and Huntingdale, who can boast double honours gained at the highest level as two-year-olds.

In going for Sure Blade to give Brent Thomson his first taste of success in an English classic and Barry Hills, the trainer, his second in this particular race. I am acutely aware of the fact that he was narrowly beaten by Huntingdale in the Dewhurst Stakes last Autumn.

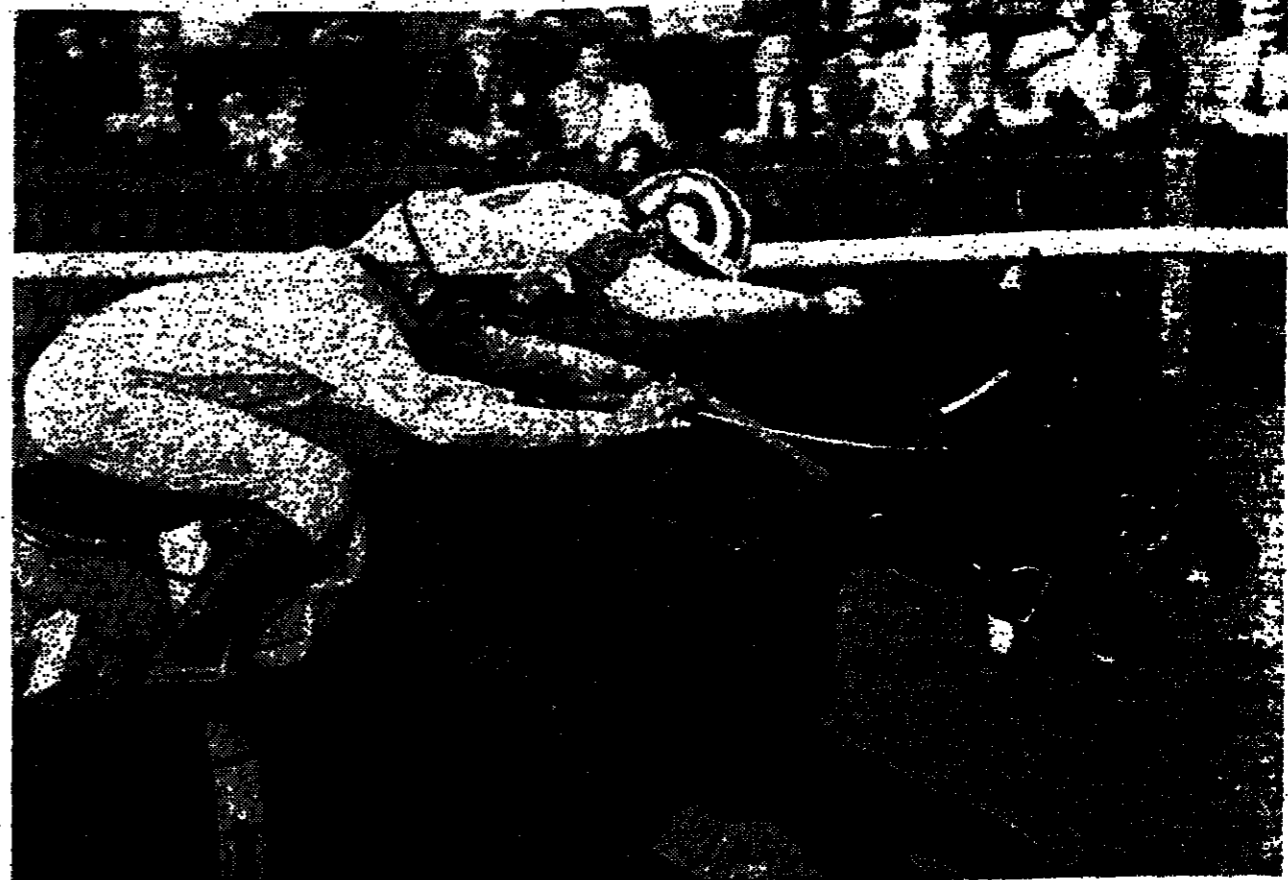
My confidence in Sure Blade stems from Hills's conviction that his colt did not give his true running in the Dewhurst and that he may well have been between 7-10lb below par that day. The stable was certainly out of form at the time and, what is more, Sure Blade returned home with sore shins. Now his stable is in form and Sure Blade enters the fray fresh from an easy month boosting win against second-rate opposition at Thirsk a fortnight ago.

After watching Sure Blade work up the famous Faringdon Road gallops near Lambourn on Tuesday morning, I asked Hills how he rates Sure Blade in comparison with Tap On Wood, his winner of the 2,000 in 1972. "Better," he replied. "Tap On Wood was tough and he undoubtedly did well to win a good Guineas from Kris and Young Generation, but this fellow has more class."

Last year that class was first apparent when he beat Green Desert by 2½ lengths at Newmarket in the Spring and Green Desert recently won the Free Handicap under top weight. It was evident again at Royal Ascot when he won the Coventry Stakes in style. And it showed too, at Doncaster in September when, after a lengthy rest, he made all the running to win the Champagne Stakes from Faustus, who only a fortnight ago paid him an eloquent tribute by winning the Greenham Stakes at Newbury.

Sure Blade remains the only horse to have beaten Faustus, who in turn holds that other model of consistency, Hallgate, on their Greenham running.

Being by Kris and out of a mare by Home Guard, Sure Blade seems certain to be running on this afternoon when other others have had enough and I expect him to outstay Huntingdale and Faustus up the final hill.



Phardante (far side) comes to head Slip Anchor in the General Accident Jockey Club Stakes (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Starkey stars as Phardante sails past Slip Anchor

By Michael Seely

A vintage tactical performance by Greville Starkey saw Phardante foil the odds of 11-4 laid on Slip Anchor in the General Accident Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket yesterday.

Waiting off the pace while Steve Cauthen on last year's Derby winner and Brent Thomson duffed for the lead, Guy Harwood's 46-year-old stable rider then produced the 1985 St Leger runner-up with a perfectly-timed challenge to quicken up the hill and win by a length. Siesmic Wave finished four lengths away third.

When in this mood Starkey is one of the outstanding jockeys of this or any other era and the subtlety and finesse he showed yesterday matched the strength and determination he displayed on Fair Salina in the 1970 Oaks and again on Kalagawa in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes in 1982.

However, make no mistake. Cauthen was in no way outwitted on Slip Anchor. The reigning champion had no option but to make the running on the always hard pulling four-year-old that fact that Lord Howard de Walden's resolute galloper had missed a couple of pieces of vital work saw the favourite tire in the closing stages.

"He reared up in his box and split his head open three weeks ago, so naturally we had to take things a bit easy," Henry Cecil, the trainer, said. "I don't like making excuses for beaten horses, but I'm sure Slip Anchor will be all the better for this race."

Harwood was nevertheless delighted with Phardante's fine burst of finishing speed. "The horse was never really right last season," said the Fulbourn trainer. "I think we'll take Slip Anchor on again in the Coronation Cup. After all we've got everything to gain and nothing to lose."

There is nothing more exciting than watching a new Flat racing season come to life in the spring sunshine. And Cecil had earlier shown us a three-year-old colt of high potential when Cauthen persuaded the previously untraced Verd-Antique to stride home 1½ lengths clear of Dansk in the Coral Newmarket Stakes.

That was the last time that the Shirley Heights colt at 11-10 must have had his heart set on Slip Anchor. The reigning champion had no option but to make the running on the always hard pulling four-year-old that fact that Lord Howard de Walden's resolute galloper had missed a couple of pieces of vital work saw the favourite tire in the closing stages.

Regal State to foil English

From Our French Racing Correspondent, Paris

Asteroid Field and Tanouma, who filled the places, one and a half lengths and three lengths behind Maysoon, in the Fred Darling Stakes at Newbury, both hold each-way prospects in the Dubai Poule d'Essai des Poulaines (French 1,000 Guineas) at Longchamp tomorrow afternoon. However, so do at least eight other fillies in this wide-open race.

Northern Premier, Beaujolaise, Carnation and Regal State were divided by two heads and a neck, with Pallanza close up in sixth in the principal trial, the Prix de la Grotte. Regal State, who beat River Dancer and Baizer Voie in the Prix Morry, and was over the top when disappointing in the Grand Critérium, is the choice.

Or Vision, who had Ghilada, River Dancer and Baizer Voie in third, fourth and fifth behind her, when winning the Prix Imprudence on very bad ground, is another with a clear claim.

Damian, the mount of Steve Cauthen, can step up on his Newmarket third behind Supreme Leader and Field Hand to win the £48,335 Prix Ganay. Field Hand, who went on to beat Scottish Reel in the Truisthouse. Forte Mile last week, is in the field again.

However, Damister did not have a hard race at Newmarket and is confidently expected to turn the tables. Brent Thomson, who rides on Nepalais for Criqueux Head in the earlier Prix des Gobelins to familiarise himself with the course. The Irish trained Ramich John runs for the third time in 9 days, following placings at Sandown and Ascot.

St Etienne, who will be aided by a recently purchased pacemaker Moreswood, won the Prix d'Harcourt by six lengths from Over the Ocean with Baillemont coming late to be third. This much improved colt looks the one to chase Damister home.

Fioravanti to advance Derby claim

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

The big attraction at Phoenix Park this afternoon will be the three-year-old debut of the unbeaten Fiaravanti in the Swettenham Stud race, sponsored by Robert Sangster.

Fioravanti, a Northern Dancer colt, won twice last year for Sheikh Mohammed and London bookmakers report that there has been inspired backing for him for the Derby, sponsored by Ever Ready, at Epsom for which he now stands as joint second favourite at 10-1.

David O'Brien believes that Fioravanti is not fully wound up, but that his class is such that he will not be bothered by today's opposition.

With the ground at Newmarket drying out fast David's father, Vincent, has become increasingly optimistic of a good showing on the part of Fiaravanti in this afternoon's 2,000 Guineas. This would have been Piggott's mount in the race had he resumed race riding this week and already the 1,000 Guineas has been won by his selection.

However, Tate Gallery did not show a great deal of enthusiasm when under pressure behind Liddiana in the Gladness Stakes at the 1841.

Curragh last month and a safer each-way investment could be Toca Madera, who comes to the race with an unbeaten record.

Toca Madera has yet to be tested on today's surface but Liam Browne, his trainer, believes that he will go on any sort of ground.

Should he win it would mark a revival in the classic fortunes of his family, which has not produced a winner in this category since Lord Westminster had three St Leger winners from it in eight years, concluding with Satirist in 1841.

HAYDOCK PARK

Televised: 1.30, 2.0, 2.30. Going: good to soft. Drawdown numbers best.

Table listing race entries for the Sir Richard Fairley Memorial Stakes at Haydock Park.

Haydock selections

- 1.30 Badarab. 2.0 Binclaves. 2.30 GREY DESIRE (nap). 3.0 Barley Bill. 3.30 Pay Dret. ... 2.0 STOCKPORT HANDICAP (ES, 634; 5f) (10).

3.0 BOTANY BAY STAKES (3-Y-O; £1,755; 1m 4f) (9)

Table listing race entries for the Botany Bay Stakes at Haydock Park.

4.0 FANMAKERS HANDICAP (3-Y-O; £2,963; 1m 4f) (11)

Table listing race entries for the Fanmakers Handicap at Haydock Park.

KEMPTON PARK

Going: good. Draw: no advantage.

Table listing race entries for the Ambition Apprentice Handicap at Kempton Park.

2.15 WINDSOR PARK MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O; £2,783; 1m) (28)

Table listing race entries for the Windsor Park Maiden Stakes at Kempton Park.

Kempton selections

- 2.15 Single. 2.45 Marimba. 3.15 Ameghino. 3.45 Vianora. 4.15 Bold Rex. 4.35 Acquisitive. ... 2.15 HEATHRIF. 2.45 Marimba. 3.45 Staffy. 4.15 Evros. 4.45 Tap the Baton.

Today's course specialists

NEWMARKET. TRAINERS: H Cecil, 27 winners from 314 runners, 27.7%; D Cook, 6 from 25, 17.1%; M Carson, 46 from 310, 15.2%. ... MARKET RASEN. TRAINERS: G Richards, 18 winners from 25 runners, 27.2%; M McCoombe, 5 from 20, 25.0%; M Stables, 14 from 61, 22.9%.

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Table listing race entries for the Michael Seely's selection at Kempton Park.

4.15 PRINCESS HANDICAP (ES, 168; 1m 4f) (10)

Table listing race entries for the Princess Handicap at Kempton Park.

4.45 WATERLOO MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O; £2,210; 5f) (14)

Table listing race entries for the Waterloo Maiden Auction Stakes at Kempton Park.

2.15 HAWKINS HARBOR HANDICAP (ES, 103; 6f) (15). ... 2.15 HAWKINS HARBOR HANDICAP (ES, 103; 6f) (15).

CRICKET: CHALLENGERS HAMPERED AS MARSHALL BREAKS DOWN

Hampshire lose backbone

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire (Sp) drew with Glamorgan (Sp) in the first of two days of the county championship...

may well not be beyond him. By lunch Younis was playing very well, and after he and O'Neil had held off Marshall's final flight...

Spectators deprived again Notts just hold on to draw

By Richard Streeton

OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire (6 points) drew with Leicestershire (6). A small group of Lancashire members, who, as a body, are seldom backward in making known their views...

took alert slip catches. Maynard saved 28 overs before De Freitas ran him out with a direct hit from cover. The innings continued to meander tediously...

Roberts is scourge of Somerset Tavare saves the day for Kent

By Ivo Tennant

BRUCE ROBERTS made 124 not out, his second hundred and his career best score, and Alan Hill 93 as Derbyshire drove relentlessly forward to 438 for five against Somerset at Queen's Park, yesterday...

and Cook. He put out a 100 with Cowdrey in 42 overs and reached century in 205 minutes, with 10 fours. His second 50 was considerably quicker...

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Table with multiple columns showing cricket scores for various matches including Derbys v Somerset, Oxford U v Middlesex, and others.

CYCLING



Robert Millar (left) kept his grip on the Tour of Spain yesterday and Sean Kelly (right) scored his first stage win.

Kelly takes stage but backs Millar as tour favourite

Palencia, Spain (agency) — Sean Kelly, of Ireland, won the tenth leg of the Tour of Spain yesterday, but Scotland's Robert Millar kept the yellow jersey of overall leader of the 21-day, 2,535-mile race...

BADMINTON

Frost has to throw in towel

From Richard Eaton Jakarta. Morten Frost, the All England champion, had to retire unwell after only one game of his bronze medal encounter in a repeat of his Wembley final with Malaysia's Mikehan Gibbon...

EQUESTRIANISM

Glazzard succeeds with style

By a Special Correspondent. Denny Oxbly's big coupe for the new year, a Notts championship, the Notts Area International Trial, produced eight finalists at the Newark and Notts show yesterday...

GYMNASTICS

Juniors competing for the big time

By Peter Aylroyd. The annual Thames Television junior gymnast of the year competition reaches its climax at Wembley today when the 16 finalists — eight boys aged under 16 and eight girls under 13 — compete for a prize which can set the winners on the way to becoming outstanding performers...

WEEKEND TV/RADIO

Table listing TV and radio programs for the weekend, including Radio 1, Radio 2, Radio 3, and various regional television variations.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

Table listing regional television variations for Saturday and Sunday, including BBC1, BBC2, Channel 4, and others.

Saturday

Weekend television and radio programmes Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

Sunday

BBC 1
6.45 Open University, Until 8.25.
8.30 The Saturday Picture Show presented by Cheryl Baker and Mark Curry. The two presenters are in Paris where they discover what is at the top of the Eiffel Tower; Cheryl has her portrait painted; and Mark visits a museum and works in a television channel all at once. Back in the studio, the best in pop music, cartoons and games.

TV-AM
6.55 Good Morning Britain, introduced by Richard Keys. Weather at 6.55; news at 7.00; regional report at 7.05; sport at 7.15.
7.30 The Wide Awake Club includes pop guests and videos, and news at 8.25.



Franziska Scholer and Geraldine McEwan in Mapp and Lucia. A new series begins on Channel 4 at 9.00pm

BBC 2
6.50 Open University, Until 2.00.
2.00 Film: Witness for the Prosecution (1957) starring Charles Laughton, Tyrone Power and Marlene Dietrich. Leonard Vole, accused of the murder of a wealthy widow, retains the irrepressible Sir Wilfrid Roberts as his defence counsel. Circumstantial evidence against him is strong, his skill depending on his wife. In a complete about-turn the wife decides to appear for the defence. Directed by Billy Wilder.

CHANNEL 4
1.30 Channel Four Racing from Newmarket. The Philip Comes Nickel Alloys Stakes (1.45); the Lakelakes Handicap (2.15); and the General Stakes (3.00).
3.25 Film: The Macomber Affair (1947) starring Gregory Peck, Joan Bennett and Robert Preston. Peck plays the role of guide to the wealthy Mr and Mrs Macomber who are on a hunting expedition. While her husband is trying to prove his bravery, Mrs Macomber begins an affair with the guide. Based on an Ernest Hemingway story and directed by Zoltan Korda.

BBC 1
6.45 Open University, Until 8.50.
8.55 Play School (r) 9.15 Knock Knock. Two stories about a cat and a mouse. 8.30 This is the Day. A simple religious service from Plymouth.
10.00 Asian Magazine. With a huge increase in drug abuse among young people, Janet Bellamy explains the tell-tale signs that parents should look out for. 10.30 Switch On. English. Family quiz show to help those whose second language is English. 10.55 France. The first of five films about modern France. (r)
Ideas Unlimited. A programme launching a national competition to win the Best Company Suggestion and the Best Suggestion of the Year. 11.45 With a Little Help from the Gipsy. How the State can help the disabled. (Coefax) (r)
12.10 Sorry, Mate, I Didn't See You Safely first for young people. (Coefax) (r)
12.35 Farming. John Garner and Nicholas Taylor comment on the future of Food From Britain following the Government's crucial council meeting. Plus, a film report on the effects of the late spring on the major arable crops.

TV-AM
6.55 Good Morning Britain begins with 'A Thought for a Sunday: 7.00 Are You Awake Yet?' at 7.00; cartoon at 7.25; the What's News quiz at 7.50; Jeni Barnett's Pick of the Week at 8.10; news headlines at 8.27.
8.30 Jonathan Dimbleby on Sunday.
9.25 Wake Up London. 9.35 Woody and Friends. Cartoons. 9.45 Roger Ramjet.
10.00 Morning Worship from St Matthews Church, Newbottle, Houghton-le-Spring, Tyne and Wear. 11.00 Getting On. A group of South-west pensioners visit the Continent to see how their European colleagues live. Once a Theatre presented by Marcel Berlins. Why is the 'short, sharp shock' treatment ineffective? Are community schemes like London's Junction Project a better bet for the young offender? The young offender. After the Chernobyl disaster, should Britain push ahead with nuclear power? 11.00 Police Five. 1.15 The World's Worst. (r) 1.30 Small Wonder. Comedy series about a household that boasts a robot. 2.00 The Week Next Week. With Paul Radcliffe, Richard Is, Nicola Fischer, Secretary for Relationships in Mission, at the World Council of Churches, Geneva. They examine how life is portrayed by the media.
2.30 LWT News headlines followed by Film: High School (1956) starring Bing Crosby, Grace Kelly and Frank Sinatra. Celebrated musical about the wealthy island of Newport, Rhode Island, in which a wealthy man is about to marry a wealthy but boring beau when her first husband arrives on the scene to spoil the social event of the season. Directed by Charles Walters.
4.30 The Cambridge. Drama serial about a doctor and his family in 19th century Scotland.
5.00 Abbot Market. Jazz's return sets the market a-buzz.
6.00 Now You See It. General knowledge game.
6.30 News.
6.40 Highway. Sir Harry Secombe with his second programme from the Falkland Islands.
7.15 Catchphrase. Game show presented by Roy Walker. (Coefax)
7.45 Film: Diamonds Are Forever (1971) starring Sean Connery as James Bond on the trail of a radium mystery, starring Joan Hickson. (Coefax)
8.40 Mastermind. The specialist subjects are: the history of Albania from 1945 to the history of the RAF 1938-45; the life and works of Monteverdi; and the life and works of Dante Alighieri.
9.10 News with Jan Leeming.
9.25 That's a Life. Consumer affairs.
10.10 The Rock Gospel Show. The last of the current series.
10.45 Geoffrey Smith's World of Delphiniums. (r)
11.10 Rhoda. American domestic comedy series. (r)
11.35 Weather.



Chaire Bloom and Joss Ackland in William Nicholson's award-winning Everman film Shadowlands (BBC 2, 8.40pm)

BBC 2
6.50 Open University, Until 1.55.
1.55 Sunday Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. Snooker: the opening frames of the final of the Embassy World Professional Championship; at approximately 3.30 Rugby League: highlights of yesterday's Challenge Cup Final between Castleford and Hull Kingston Rovers at Wembley; and after the snooker, a film about the afternoon ice Hockey: the world championships from Moscow.
6.40 The Money Programme with Brian Wintake and Valerie Singleton. This week's edition includes an investigation into counterfeiting which is, it is now estimated, a 50 billion dollar business. What makes it difficult for the authorities to catch the culprits is the reluctance on the part of companies to prosecute because they fear bad publicity.
7.15 Nature, introduced by Tony Soper with Iain Grew. Reports on the plight of Australia's Great Barrier Reef, under attack from the crown-of-thorns starfish; and on how animals stay alert when asleep.
7.45 The Money Programme. Frames eight to 16 of the first to 16 frame final of the Embassy World Professional Championship, introduced by David Vine from the Crucible Theatre. Snooker commentators are Ted Lowe, Jack Karnahm and Clive Everton.
8.40 Shadowlands, by William Nicholson. Joss Ackland and Claire Bloom star in this award-winning play about the romance between 52-year-old confirmed bachelor, writer C.S. Lewis, and Joy Gresham, an American Jewish divorcee, whom he came into contact with when she had written him a fan letter. Lewis was living the sheltered life of an Oxford University don when, in January 1928, he received Joy's letter, thus beginning a correspondence that grew in passion, eventually ending in a marriage that was tragically short. Directed by Norman Stone. (r)
10.10 World Snooker. David Vine introduces the final frames of the second season of the Embassy World Professional Championship. Ends at 12.15.

CHANNEL 4
1.10 Irish Angle - Patterna. Cneasaimeanna of Beana in West Cork.
1.30 The Making of Britain. Historian Dr Ronald Hutton examines how the Civil Wars of the 1640s and 1650s affected Britain.
2.00 The Pocket Money Programme. Financial advice for children, from children.
2.30 Film: Valley of Decision (1945) starring Greer Garson and Gregory Peck. A romantic drama, set in 1870s Pittsburgh, about the oldest son of a wealthy steel-owning family who falls in love with one of his parents' domestic servants. Directed by Tay Garnett.
4.45 Durrell in Russia. In the fourth programme of their 15-part natural history series, Gerald and Lina Durrell are by Lake Baikal (Oracle)
5.10 News summary and The Business Programme. A special report from Iain Carson in Japan on how the 50 percent rise in the value of the Yen has affected trade.
6.00 Second Glance: Thirdedown. A short film following the progress of the British women's team, from the countryside to the city.
6.15 Athletics. International Road Racing from York. Eight kilometres for the men, three for the women.
7.15 Man-Made Family. The first of a group of five programmes examining various aspects of environmental development in Africa. This programme, presented by Glenda Jackson, is a film about prehistoric future fables.
8.15 Sinfonia. Igor Stravinsky's Rite of Spring performed by the London Sinfonietta, conducted by David Atherton.
9.00 Zastrozzi, a Romance. The final episode of the four-part tragic-comedy romance, based on a novel by Shelley.
10.00 Sweet Disaster. The last in the series of animated films about the ironies of Armageddon.
10.15 Film: Twelve O'Clock High (1948) starring Gregory Peck. Second World War drama about the commander of an American bomber squadron, based in England, who has to act the hard man in order to revive the morale of his disheartened men. But this acting out of character takes its own toll on the commander. Directed by Henry King. Ends at 12.40.

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On medium wave, VHF variations at end.
News on the half hour until 12.00pm, then 2.00, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30, 12.00.
5.00am Mark Page 8.00am Power 10.00am Achan Juste (a) 2.00 M's Ten (a) 3.00 Taylor talks to Andy Peebles 3.30 The American Chart Show (a) 5.00 Saturday Live (a) 6.30 In Concert (a) 7.30 Simon Mayo (new series) 8.30-12.00 The Midnight Runner Show with Dixie Peach. VHF RADIO 2 1 & 2: 4.00am As Radio 2. 1.00pm As Radio 2.
WORLD SERVICE
6.00 Newswatch 6.30 Morning 7.00 News 7.20 News 7.45 Network UK 7.55 News 8.15 A Jolly Good Show 8.30 The Review of the British Press 8.45 Look Ahead 8.45 About 9.00 News 9.15 News About Britain 10.15 Letter From America 11.05 Guller 11.30 Meridian 12.00 Radio News 12.15 News About Britain 12.30 Sports Roundup 1.00 News 1.08 Twenty-Four Hours 1.20 Network UK 1.45 Sports Special 3.00 Radio News 3.15 Saturday Special 4.00 News 4.30 Compromiser 4.35 Saturday Special 4.45 Sports Roundup 5.05 News 5.08 Twenty-Four Hours 5.30 Jazz For The Aching 6.00 News 6.08 News About Britain 6.15 What's New 6.30 Police 10.00 News 10.00 From Our Own Correspondents 4.45 Newsround 4.55 Reflections 5.00 News 5.10 Twenty-Four Hours 5.45 Letter From America. All times in GMT.

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